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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS CONCERNING DURATION OF THE WAR.

ALLIES' EFFECTIVE BOMBARDMENT IN THE WEST.

Field Marshal French's Farewell to the Troops.

A SQUABBLE ON THE PEACE "ARK."

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE "PEACE PILGRIMS"

STORY OF A QUARREL ON THE "ARK."

December 19, 3.00 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Christiania states that Mr. Ford's "Peace Pilgrims" have arrived. There was no official or other reception, merely Pressmen going aboard.

Mr. Ford said the British were most gracious at Kirkwall, but none of the party was allowed to land there. Mr. Ford had the impression in Kirkwall that the British wished for peace, and he thought this was the case with the other belligerent peoples. He said the basis of peace must be a *status quo ante bellum*.

Mr. Ford denied that there had been any disagreement on board, but said that some of the members would leave the expedition at Christiania because they were sick. American journalists on board confirmed the story of a quarrel, which was due, they said, to some members refusing to sign a protest against President Wilson's policy.

The party arrived at Christiania and proceeded quietly to the hotels.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

AN ALL-NIGHT BOMBARDMENT.

December 19, 5.25 p.m.
According to Reuter's Paris correspondent, a communique states that the bombardment of German works and encampments in the Aremont sector, south-east of St. Mihiel, continued into the night and yielded excellent results.

A squadron of French aeroplanes bombed the Sablon station at Metz.

BOMBARDMENT OF METZ.

December 19, 8.25 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that, according to a German communique, hostile airmen bombarded Metz on Saturday night, damaging property.

GERMAN CONSPIRACIES IN AMERICA.

ANOTHER PLOT UNEARTHED.

December 19, 6.10 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at New York states that a bank clerk named Schleindl, who is secretary to Paul Koenig, head of the German Secret Service in the United States (whose arrest has already been announced) has been arrested. He is charged with the larceny of documents and cablegrams which it is alleged were handed him by German Government representatives.

The detectives say that Schleindl has confessed that he obtained information of shipments of munitions from private records at the Bank where he was employed. When arrested, a telegram was found in his pocket regarding the shipment of two million rifles for the Allies.

Schleindl admitted that he was a German Reservist. Koenig and Lyndecker have been released on bail of \$10,000 and \$8,000 respectively.

TO-DAYS LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER SUNK.

December 19, 8.10 p.m.
The Norwegian steamer Nico has been sunk, eleven survivors and the pilot having been landed.

DURATION OF THE WAR.

END "NOT FAR DISTANT."

December 19, 8.25 p.m.
Field Marshal Viscount French, in a farewell message to the Army in France, says he is firmly convinced that a glorious ending to their splendid and heroic efforts is not far distant. He concludes by heartily thanking them all.

"SOONER THAN EXPECTED."

December 19, 8.25 p.m.
Lord Derby, speaking on Sunday afternoon at a meeting in London, said he was convinced that the statement of the results of recruiting would show that the country was absolutely right, and that probably the end of the war would come sooner than many expected.

In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE RUSSIANS.

A SATISFACTORY COMMUNIQUE.

December 19, 12.30 a.m.
A Petrograd communique reports a series of minor reconnaissance and artillery engagements on the German front, all favourable to the Russians. South-west of Hamadan our troops continue to press the enemy closely.

RUBBER FOR THE ENEMY

BIG SEIZURE ON SWEDISH SHIP.

December 19, 2.00 a.m.
The Foreign Office announces that of 300 bags of parcel mails seized aboard the Swedish steamer Halligolav 119 contained nothing but rubber, estimated to weigh 8,000 lbs. All were consigned to a well-known enemy forwarding agent in Sweden.

IN THE BALTIC.

GERMAN CRUISER AND TORPEDO-BOAT SUNK.

December 19, 3.45 a.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, Berlin officially reports that the small cruiser Bremen and an accompanying torpedo-boat were sunk in the eastern Baltic by a submarine. A considerable portion of the crews was rescued.

[The following telegrams appeared in our special edition of yesterday:—]

THE RECRUITING QUESTION.

December 18, 1.05 p.m.
Numerous members of the House of Commons, Unionist, Liberal and Labour alike, express their resentment at the forty anti-compulsion members for waiting on Mr. Asquith. They consider "that it was an outrageous breach of privilege," especially after the Premier had given his word to the married men. The moderate Liberals affirm that nobody has any right to try to anticipate Mr. Asquith's statement. His pledge was seriously meant and will be honourably carried out. Single men should enlist at once.

The Conservatives and many Labourites describe the deputation as a big mistake. They do not believe that the Government would give in to the slackers.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.
Lord Derby speaking at Bolton said Mr. Asquith will keep his pledge both in spirit and letter with practically the whole country behind him.

WAR TELEGRAMS

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.
A Paris correspondent states that a general bombardment is most intense in Artois, where aerial torpedoes are in use. The French blew up German wheeled transport in the neighbourhood of Chaulnes.

December 19, 5.40 p.m.
A Paris communique states that there had been an intense bombardment of the German trenches in the region between the Somme the Oise, and at Soissons, and Rheims. The enemy's batteries in the latter district were silenced.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.
A despatch from Reuter's correspondent in France states that the day has been generally quiet; as it was windy it was unsuitable for the artillery, but the Anglo-French artillery has silenced the hostile guns north of Ypres.

GERMAN SECRET SERVICE AGENT ARRESTED

December 19, 12.15 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at New York says that Paul Koenig, stated to be the head of the German secret service in the United States, and Richard Lyndecker have been arrested on a charge of conspiracy to blow up the Welland Canal. Five hundred horses have been drowned in the North River owing to the sinking of a barge, which was possibly scuttled by German agents.

INDIAN AMBULANCE CORPS FOR EUROPE.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Darban reports that a contingent of the Indian ambulance corps is leaving for Europe.

DEATH OF SIR JOHN RHYS.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.
The death of Sir John Rhys is announced.

THE SILVER MARKET.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.
Messrs. Montagu's silver report says the robust appearance of the market has been somewhat belied by the sales on account of China. Purchases are still being made for home coinage but there is a lull. Probably there will be a shortage in the Continental demand. Meanwhile there is an insufficient competition to animate the market, even though America is only a small seller.

THE FORD PEACE MOVEMENT.

A Reuter correspondent says that the Ford Peace Ship has left Kirkwall for Christiania.

GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.
General Sarraïl is quoted by a correspondent, as having said:—Events will find us ready to resist any attacks. Meantime the Greek mobilisation continues, indicating that the Government is alive to any contingency that may still be dragged in to the conflict.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.
A Reuter message states that Greece has addressed to the Entente a formal protest against the fortification of Salonica.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Salonica says that a prominent Greek official has arrived, with a view of securing better railway and telegraph facilities for the Allies.

THE IRISH UNIVERSITIES.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.
The changed conditions at the universities are attested by the examiners in Ireland, for the Craven Scholarships, declining to award them, but Rajavi and P. Dutt have been honourably mentioned for their work in the examination.

(Continued on page 8.)

TELEGRAMS

PRESIDENT WILSON.

MARRIED TO MRS. GALT.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]
London, Received, December 19.
Reuter's Washington correspondent says President Wilson was married to Mrs. Galt yesterday. After the ceremony, which was of the simplest character, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson left for the South, where the honeymoon is to be spent. They will be away for a fortnight.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

The Norwegian steamer Nico has been sunk.

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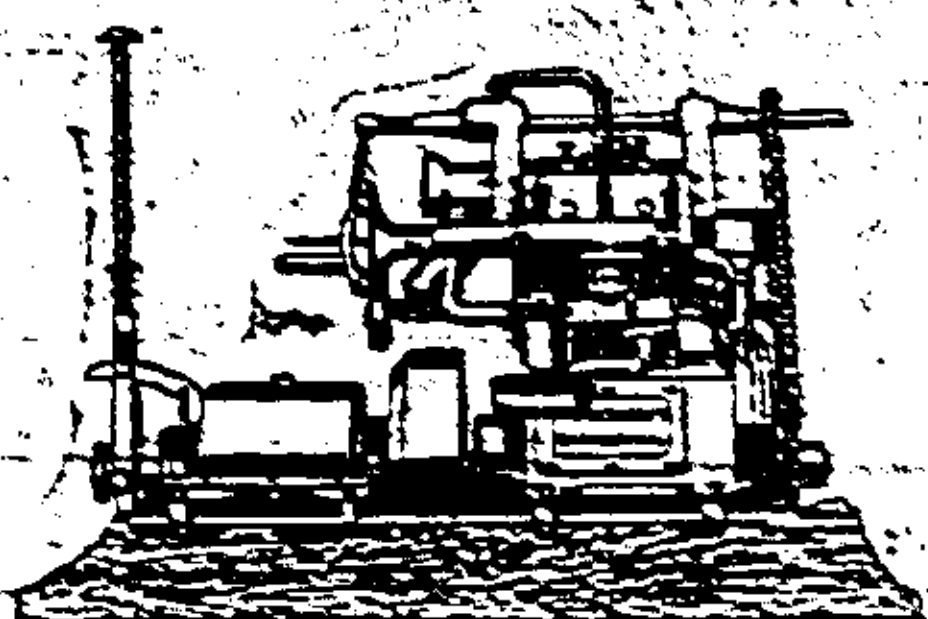
TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
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OUR CONTEMPORARIES

South China Morning Post.

Japan Moulding Korea.

There comes to hand the annual report by the Government-General of Chosen of a review in 1913/14 of Korea, which is a comprehensive account of the reforms and progress made in that territory since it came under the administration of Japan four years ago. Eight years have elapsed since Japan established a protectorate regime in this Peninsula. Administrative and financial readjustments in the Government system have been carried out several times since the annexation, the organizations of central offices and law courts have been reduced to greater uniformity, while the local Government have been gradually readjusted and brought into better working order. Compulsory education, industrial encouragement, education, sanitation.

Daily Press.

Germany and Japan.

The recent and possibly inspired statement in a German periodical, as to the need of a rapprochement between Germany and Japan would seem to point to a revival of Germany's Far Eastern policy. Hitherto her activities have been directed to causing friction between Japan and China, in the hope, probably, that this would prevent Japan from exerting her energies on behalf of her Allies. As Japan has not fallen into the trap, the alternative seems to have suggested itself of trying to detach Japan from her Allies and bring her into friendly relations with Germany. The task is obviously a very delicate one. There is plenty of admiration in Japan for Germany's prowess in the field. This to be expected of a nation which takes such interest in military affairs. But it is doubtful, in spite of occasional flights of fancy in the Japanese Press, whether the admiration goes any farther. The Germans were always very jealous of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, and before it was concluded, almost succeeded in persuading some Japanese statesmen that the alliance with Germany would be more to Japan's advantage. After its conclusion they actively played the part of "Japs" in the German press.

Official List.

How Does the War?

There can be no doubt about the fact that notwithstanding the importance and the pressing need for comment on many subjects, local and otherwise, the war undoubtedly continues to be the most important subject of all. The latest telegrams to hand point to a lull in the proceedings in the Balkan campaign and to the probability of renewed activity in the Western Front. As to this statement, it should be noted that it is based on nothing stronger than conjecture; though evidently it is conjecture based upon an intelligent summing up of the situation as it at present appears in Belgium to Dutch journalists, who may or may not be in a position to discuss the question in detail, and consequently are likely to be misled on important points. They report "formidable German preparations for a general attack in the West." This statement, it appears, is based on the fact—or what is believed to be a fact, namely, that quite recently there has been a "constant arrival (in Belgium) of new troops and ammunition."

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GENERAL NEWS.

Chiangchun of Hupeh.
There is a report that Chang Hsiang-shan, who was appointed the Chiang-shan of Hupeh some time ago, will be relieved of his post and General Wang Chen-sheng, acting Chiangshun of Hupeh, will succeed him.

Colonisation of Inner Mongolia.
According to the reports of the establishment of the Colonisation Bureau in Inner Mongolia, in a period of a little over one year, some 8,000,000 mu of land are now under cultivation. Taking this as a basis for calculation, it is generally expected that in ten years the whole territory of Inner Mongolia will have come under the plough.

Official Scandal in Anhwei.
The Chiangchun and Governor of Anhwei have submitted a special to the President impeaching Chen Pei-shien, Director of the Branch Office of Militia Organisation, on the charge of blackmailing and executing innocent inhabitants whom he treated as tutees. The President is very angry about the crime and has ordered that the said official be court-martialled and dealt with strictly.

Reduction of Military Waste in China.

With a view to putting a stop to the "misappropriation of funds by the military authorities" the Government has decided to fix a new standard of expenditure for the troops. Thus the annual expenditure for each division of the Army is to be limited to \$1,170,000; each brigade \$350,000; a regiment, \$423,000; a mixed brigade shall not exceed \$300,000 a year, and a mixed regiment, \$450,000. Funds for the annual expenditure of an independent brigade will be limited to \$1,100,000 and for an independent regiment at \$550,000.

Chinese National Loan for 1916.
For the promotion of the native industries and for meeting administrative expenditure, the Government has decided to raise a sum of \$39,000,000 in the next fiscal year by internal loans as follows: (1) the six per cent. External Loan, the amount of which is stipulated in the Budget as \$24,000,000, which will be ready for public subscription by May next year; (2) Premium Bonds of the Industrial Loan, the first instalment of which is \$5,000,000 and the Bonds will be issued for disposal during February next; (3) the Premium Bonds of the Hsin Hua Savings Bank, the second instalment of which, \$10,000,000, will be issued for sale during April or May next, after the drawing of the prizes for the first instalment.

Trouble in Danish West Indies.
Copenhagen (via London), Nov. 5.—A cablegram has been received here from the manager of the La Grange plantation, near Santa Cruz, Danish West Indies, stating that the agitation which is being carried on by a negro named Hamilton among the blacks of the island was becoming dangerous. The manager asserted an uprising was imminent and requested the Danish government to send a warship and troops as soon as possible. The cablegram was addressed to the governor of the Danish West Indies, who has been in Denmark for the last five months. The governor ordered for the West Indies to-day by way of New York.

Attempted Train Wrecking.
San Francisco, November 5.—Passengers arriving to-day on the train of the Southern Pacific from Los Angeles report that an attempt was made to wreck the train this morning at a point about 10 miles north of Fresno. Two boxes of sheet iron, about a quarter of an inch thick, and four feet long were placed across the rails. The engine knocked one of these boxes off the rails and ran over the other without leaving the track. Detectives were at once sent out from Fresno to investigate. Railroad men believe that the attempt at wrecking the train is part of the campaign of the Industrial Workers of the World agitators which has resulted in the last few weeks in the burning of many farm buildings and the destruction of hop fields.

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GENERAL NEWS.

From the Emden.
A torpedo from the Emden has been recently added to the collection of war trophies on view on the Horse Guards Parade.

New Fellows of the R.C.I.
Mr. Mortimer C. Bay, of Penang, and Mr. Louis E. Stafford, of Perak, were on Saturday elected non-resident Fellows of the Royal Colonial Institute.

Cardiff and Miss Cavell.
Sir William James Thomas, of Ynysyhir, has contributed 1,000 guineas for the endowment of a bed in King Edward VII Hospital, Cardiff, in memory of Nurse Edith Cavell.

Engagement Announced.
The engagement is announced of Mr. George Sinclair Moss, of H.B.M. Consular Service in China, and Gladys Lucy, only daughter of Mr. G. A. Moore, of Engayne, Spital, Cheshire.

Tat-Tut!
The Paris *Rapport*, following the example of the *Libre Parole*, *Belair*, *Figaro*, *Journal*, and *Gazette*, announces that it will no longer submit its news or political articles to the censor.

American Officer's Suicide.
Honolulu, December 11.—Lieutenant Colonel Charles C. Brownell, of the engineer corps, U.S. Army, has committed suicide here. Colonel Brownell was 42 years old. No reason for the act is known. — *Manila Bulletin*.

Wanted—Mr. Chun Tong.
The following appears amongst the "Personal" advertisements of a London contemporary:—Lost, Wang Yu-lin, a Chinese citizen, now living at 47, High-street, Poplar, London, E., desiring to return to China, will be grateful for any information received about his son, named Chun Tong, aged 17 years, wearing a silver ring in his left ear, and calling himself a Japanese. Last seen 13 weeks ago in Guildford, Surrey, and Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Two Pounds reward to any person finding the same.

Opium Suppression.
Governor Lai of Kiangsu has received telegraphic instructions from the central Government to the effect that according to the Opium Suppression Treaty, Kiangsu ought entirely to be free from the opium traffic by 1917. As the date is drawing near the Governor has been instructed to order his subordinates to carry out the suppression measures with the utmost stringency. In obedience to these instructions we understand that the Governor has drawn out a programme and has ordered all the officials under his jurisdiction to obey it accordingly. Briefly it is as follows: (1) beginning from the 30th December no poppy should be allowed to be planted in any part of the province; (2) before the 30th June, next year, all illicit trading in opium must be entirely suppressed; (3) before 31st December, next year, illicit smoking of opium must be thoroughly suppressed. — *National Herald*.

GENERAL NEWS.

Foreign Employees in China.
During recent years the number of foreigners employed by the different Government institutions has greatly increased and a census taken some time ago by the central Government shows that there are at present employed in the capital and provinces altogether no less than 3,972 foreigners of different nationalities. Of these 1,107 are British, 1,002 are French, 535 are Germans, 464 are Russians, 207 are Japanese, 174 are United States citizens, 79 are Austrians, 173 are Belgians, 74 are Italians, and the rest, 157 in all, belong to other nations.

Chinese Gamblers at Manchester.
The Manchester police raided a Chinese laundry in Rusholme-road last month on account of complaints as to gaming on the premises. As a result of the raid 23 Chinese, some of whom lived as far away as Liverpool, and others in Rochdale, Stockport, and Hyde, appeared before the Manchester city magistrates. The allegation was that all the men were engaged in a game named "fan-tan" and that on the table were a large quantity of Chinese coins and some English money. In another part of the premises there were found, it was alleged, a number of dice representing pennies, some dominoes, and dice. All the defendants were remanded for a week, bail being allowed.

Leave to Wear Foreign Decorations.
The King has been pleased to give and grant unto Mr. Ernest Woodburn Trotter, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Bangkok, His Majesty's Royal Licence and Authority to wear the insignia of the Third Class of the Order of the White Elephant, which decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Siam in recognition of valuable services rendered by him. The King has also been pleased to give and grant unto Mr. Gavin Alexander Forrest, teacher in the Second High School, Sendai, His Majesty's Royal Licence and Authority to wear the insignia of the Fourth Class of the Order of the Sacred Treasure, which decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

More Troops for the Philippines.
Washington, December 11.—The General Staff of the U.S. Army has just made public its plans for a mobile army in the Philippines, increasing the number of troops there by more than one hundred per cent. The Philippine establishment, according to these plans, will consist of an American force made up of a full division of infantry, two regiments of cavalry, and one regiment of heavy field artillery. The Filipino troops will be made up of nine regiments of infantry, two regiments of field artillery, and one regiment of engineers. The numerical ratio between American and native troops is based on the standard established by the British in India. — *Manila Bulletin*.

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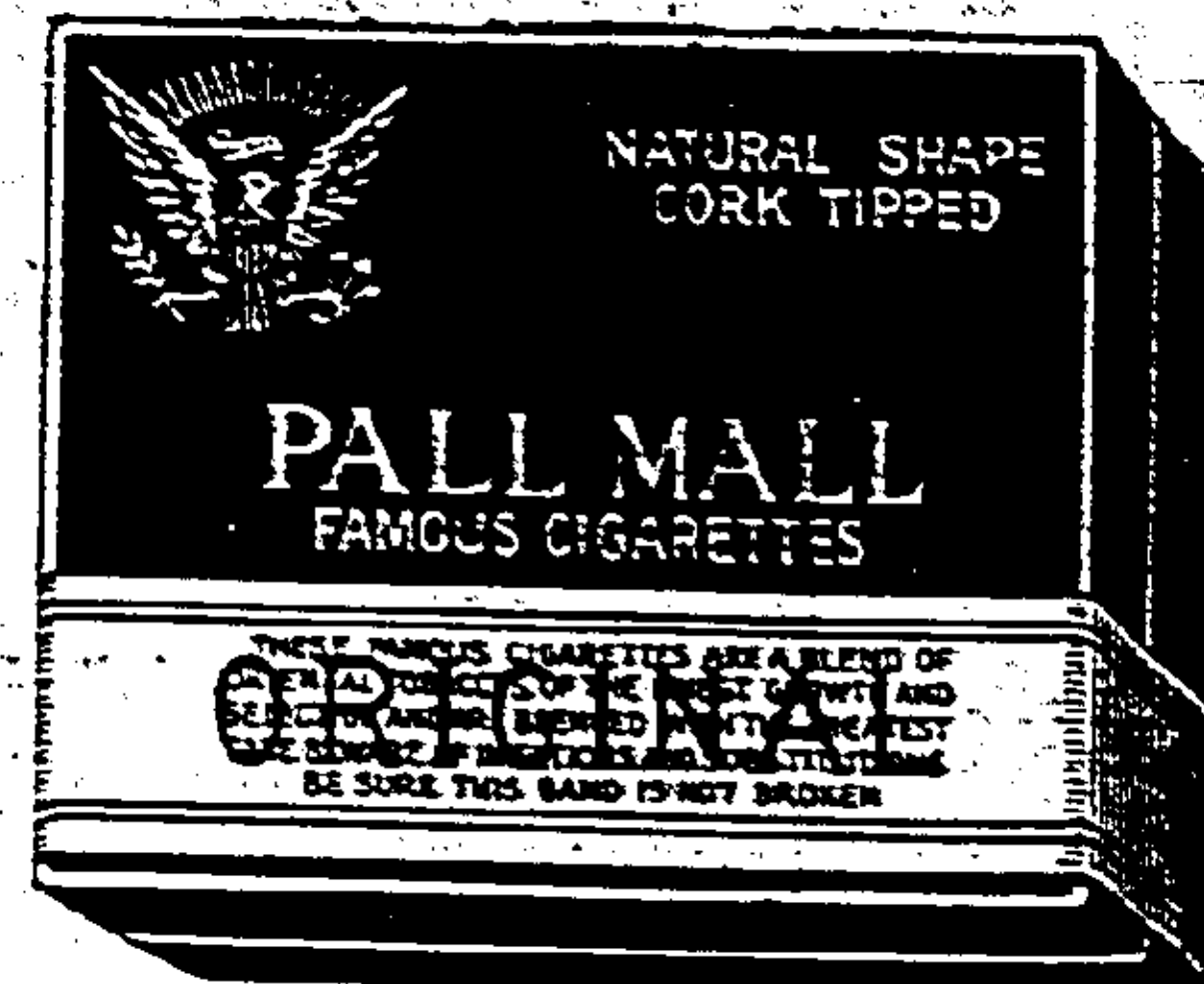
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BIRTHS.

MONK.—On December 12, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Monk, a daughter.
FRAZIER.—On December 9, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Frazier, a son.
ROUSSE-LACORDAIRE.—On December 14, at St. Sinza Road, Shanghai, to Mr. and Madame Rousse-Lacordaire, a son.
SOWDEN.—On December 9, at Sinho, to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Sowden, a son.

DEATH.

KING.—At the Government Civil Hospital on December 18th, Arthur J. R. King, lately of Shanghai and Ipswich, England.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1915.

POPULAR DEMANDS.

The question with which we dealt in the column on Saturday—the reconstruction of the local Legislature—is one of such importance and significance that we may be pardoned for reverting to it. For very many years now, public sentiment in favour of a more representative form of government in Hongkong has been growing in strength and force, until the reasonable demands of ratepayers can no longer be ignored. According to the expressions which one hears on all hands, the public view is that the reign of Officialdom has had its day—that it must make way for such an alteration in the mode of government as will more nearly meet the ideal that taxation and representation shall go hand in hand. So insistent has the demand been that—for the first time, we believe, in the history of the Colony—an Unofficial member of the Legislative Council is prepared to go the length of inviting Officialdom to show cause why its powers should not materially be curtailed. That is the true meaning of the Hon. Mr. Pollock's questions on the subject, to which a reply is to be given at the next meeting of the Legislative Council.

If we come to look into the matter somewhat closely, we shall soon realise that, at the best, Mr. Pollock's queries can only serve the purpose of bringing home to the powers-that-be the fact that the outside public wants a far larger share in the control of public affairs than it now enjoys. No-one imagines—least of all, Mr. Pollock himself—that the officials are going to receive his suggestions with open arms or that His Excellency will respond to the proposals by promising to advise the Secretary of State to accept and act upon them. Speaking generally, no man, or no body of men, once having been invested with power to over-rule others, is supremely anxious to relinquish that power, and we imagine that the heads of Government departments in Hongkong, who have been steeped in officialdom all their lives, are no exception to the rule. That is why we see so little hope of Mr. Pollock's initial assault meeting with any measure of success, though it will certainly serve the purpose of acquainting the Home Government with the state of feeling out here. A further point to be made is that, even if they were adopted, the proposals would only partially remedy existing grievances, inasmuch as the Official element would still predominate on the Council. That, perhaps, is unavoidable and even necessary when we remember that the Council is often called upon to deal with naval and military matters and large Imperial issues concerning which it is essential that the Official point of view should be respected. But what could be done, and what should be done, is that the purely domestic affairs of the Colony should be delegated to a special Committee of the Council, so constituted that popularly-elected Unofficial members should hold a majority of the seats. Such a Committee should have the assistance of the heads of certain Government Departments in its deliberations, and its decisions should only come before the Council for formal approval. Failing the creation of a Municipal Council proper, this plan should meet the general wishes of the public and entirely remove the illogical state of affairs at present prevailing.

We are quite prepared to expect a reply to Mr. Pollock's questions which will make the point that the form of government in Hongkong is that which is common to all Crown Colonies. But that has nothing to do with the merits of the system. Other Crown Colonies may be satisfied with conditions as they are. Hongkong decidedly is not. And that is why the public looks to His Excellency—as it has a right to do—to recommend to the Colonial Office such a measure of reform as will satisfy those who have to pay the

Our Ricksha Men.

The two ricksha coolies who were caught by a member of the Police Reserve using their vehicles for the conveyance of fresh fish were made to pay pretty heavily for the privilege. They were fined five dollars a piece, and rightly so, too. With the best possible police supervision of these individuals, the public runs a fairly considerable risk in using public rickshas. As in the instance under notice, the ricksha-puller is by no means particular in the use to which he puts his vehicle—and it is quite possible that one moment he will be heading about fresh, or, may be, far from fresh, fish, and the next a lady who has donned her very best gown to go out calling. The result, in such an event, is better imagined than experienced. Similarly, coppers may very easily be contracted by a healthy person who has occasion to patronise a coolie who is none too particular as to who or what he carries in his ricksha so long as he is paid for it. Incidentally the coolies themselves, and the clothes they wear, could generally do with a little more soap and water, especially since they have a little habit, when not engaged, of huddling up in their vehicles and falling asleep. Most assuredly a strict watch needs to be kept on the idiosyncrasies of these ill-kempt, slow-footed gentlemen.

War's Effect on Shipping.

It is a most satisfactory state of affairs that Lloyd's have been able to announce that during the past year, in spite of the war, the total shipping classed exceeded that of last year by a very substantial figure. The fact is all the more interesting when we remember that nearly 3,000 vessels, of approximately four million tons burthen, have been permanently or temporarily removed from the shipping registers of the world since the war broke out. In all, it seems, Britain has lost some 600 ships through the operations of commerce-raiders, submarine piracy and the detention of vessels in German ports. But Germany has suffered to a much greater extent, the whole of her mercantile marine having been lost either by capture, detention in neutral ports or by being sunk by Allied warships.

The Future.

Much of the shortage in the world's sea transportation is due, of course, to the enormous number of seamen taken over by Britain and France to convey troops from India, Algeria, Egypt and the Overseas Dominions to the various theatres of war, but matters have now reached such a point that our own Admiralty has been able to give the shipbuilding yards a much freer hand than they had before. As a consequence, the future should see a collapse in the "boom" freights which have been prevailing for so long. But that future is some way ahead as yet, and shipbuilders are wise in their day and generation when, as in Hongkong, they seize the opportunity which is before them and make ready for the busy days that are ahead.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Horaby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:—	
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" 2	" 150
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" 4	" 151
" 5	" 150
" 6	" 138
" 7	" 146
" 8	" 149
" 9	" 147
" 10	" 146
" 11	" 124
" 12	" 152
" 13	" 151
" 14	" 138
" 15	" 143
" 16	" 143
" 17	" 146
" 18	" 144
" 19	" 145
Total to 19th inst.	2,218
Daily average	143.1

DAY BY DAY.

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The Weather.
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fine.

The Mails.
English Mail.—Due to-morrow per a.s. Novara.
Australian Mail.—Due to-day per a.s. Salamina.
Australian Mail.—Closes to-morrow per a.s. St. Albans at 10 a.m.
Siberian Mail.—Closes to-morrow per a.s. Novara at 5 p.m.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1/10 15/16.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 73rd anniversary of the birth of the late Lord Alverstone.

Deck Passengers.
The a.s. Hanching brought down 191 deck passengers from Coast ports yesterday.

Christmas Week.
Messrs. Moutrie and Co. advise us that during Christmas week their store will remain open until 6 p.m. daily.

Private Dance.
The management of the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, is arranging a private dance at the hotel on Christmas Eve.

Chinese Conjuror Outdone.
A Chinese conjuror, named San Wai-san, has reported that from the boarding house at which he was staying, his assistant robbed him of several articles and ran away.

Alice Memorial Hospital.
The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals.—Rev. T. E. Caren, \$25.

Voyage Reports.
The a.s. Hanching, which arrived from Coast ports yesterday, reports moderate to strong N.E. wind, clear weather and rough sea. The a.s. Hopang, from Swatow, reports fresh to moderate monsoon and fine to clear weather. The Colony's Health.

Last week there were seven cases of enteric notified in the Colony (one each of British, Indian and Portuguese and the rest Chinese) as well as one non-fatal case of diphtheria (British). Three of the enteric occurrences ended fatally.

University Student's Loss.

Yung Kong, a student of the university at Peking, has reported to the police that whilst he was away from his room at a boarding house yesterday, someone obtained the key from the accountant and, entering his room, stole \$145 in Hongkong currency, besides taking two coats and a pair of trousers.

Thief Jumps Into Harbour.
At the Police Court, this morning, a Chinese was charged with stealing a bundle of cambric. A Chinese constable stated that the man was found with the wood under his coat, and, when asked where he had got it, he ran off and jumped into the harbour. An Indian constable went in after him and captured him. A fine of \$10, or a month's imprisonment was imposed.

Death of Mr. A. J. R. King.

We regret to record the death of Mr. A. J. R. King, which occurred at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, at the early age of 28 years. The deceased came to Hongkong some four years ago as a reporter on the staff of the China Mail, and subsequently he was engaged in journalistic work in Shanghai. During his stay in Hongkong Mr. King acted for some time as organist at St. Peter's Church, being a musician of considerable talent. He returned to the Colony about a fortnight ago from Australia, whither he had gone for the purpose of recuperating his health, which was in a low state. He was admitted to hospital a few days ago, and passed away as stated, death being due to acute lung trouble. By his cheery disposition, the deceased made very many friends, who will learn of his demise with deep regret.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

"SEIZED IN A PARCEL MAIL."

The Recruiting Business.

Although Mr. Asquith still withholds his pronouncement on the subject of recruiting results, there seem to be plenty of kind friends ready to forestall all he has to say. Never has there been a greater need for people to mind their own business, and consequently never has there been a time when meddlesome folk were more ready to put in their oar and to cause unnecessary trouble by their silly interference. All that it really concerns the public to know is that Lord Derby's scheme has been "an unqualified success." That being so, was it imperative that the busybodies should get to work as they have been doing? Lord Derby has told the public that the Premier will keep his word to the nation, and there, surely, is an end of the matter. As concerns the calling up of the unmarried men, one might think from the air that is being made, that these youths had been seized upon against their will and converted straightway into conscripts. Seeing that the proposed new drafts are men who have already voluntarily enlisted and were only awaiting their turn to be called to the Colours, why the excitement?

Does the Blockade Answer?

If these talkative Members of the Commons would but leave others to look after the recruiting, and try and hush the Government round on the subject of the blockade, they might be doing a little more towards earning their ill-gotten four hundred a year. The Foreign Office announces that of three hundred bags of parcel mail seized on a Swedish steamer, over a hundred contained nothing but rubber, to the extent of 8,000 lbs. weight—all of which was being conveyed to an enemy forwarding agent. And then there are people at Home who tell us that the blockade is entirely effectual, and equally wise people in the United States who tell us that we have no business to be carrying on a blockade at all. Congratulations to the men who struck that rubber, and may they continue to prove to the authorities that they know their business a deal better than the authorities aforesaid even teach them. The blind faith that Britishers have in the square dealing of an avowed enemy is exasperating enough even in times of peace; at a time like the present it makes one want to use language that no moral-minded censor, be he never so good a fellow, would feel justified in passing.

British and American "Broadmindedness."

When we object to giving an inch to people who will promptly annex a mile, we are told that we are narrow-minded. So be it; but isn't the Gentile world had almost enough of British and American broadmindedness towards the encroachments and plots of the enemy? This breadth of mind was exercised at Home over the non-interment of aliens—and what was the result? In America it was given even fuller play, with the consequence that there have been fires, murders, strikes and conspiracies without number all over the United States. And then the whole thing has been pushed aside with the generous remark: "They don't really mean any harm." We are glad to see that the Washington note is now being held so tightly down to facts that the excuse makers can no longer get much of a look-in. Two more dear Germans were reported to have been arrested, in the wires of yesterday; and now a third case comes to hand. But, as the Scripture says, what are they among so many?

A Foki Robbed.

A tradesman at Kowloon Strand has lodged a complaint with the police that he sent his foki for the sum of \$500 from another business house, and the man returned saying he had been robbed of the money.

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

Shropshires v. R.G.A.

There was a remarkable reversal of form on Saturday when the Shropshires defeated the R.G.A., on the military ground, by two clear goals. The win was even more convincing than the score indicates. Playing with the confidence begetten of an early goal, the Shropshires, fore and aft, were the cleverer and the faster team. They were especially convincing at half-back, where Williams was the most dominant personality. From the start he had Youngman under a blanket, though Youngman strove hard to shake him off, and the further the game went the better his play became. Long before the end of the game he was able to attend to the two other inside men as well, and especially to Swan, who had found Morris a hard nut to crack was never owed to settle, and his undoing largely helped to throw the R.G.A. front line out of gear. Ordinarily he is the brains of the attack, but Saturday was not a happy day for him.

The game opened with a R. G. A. attack which was quickly repelled. The Shropshires ran down on the right and there was a convincing thrustfulness about their attack that promised to bear fruit. It was pushed back but only for a moment. Brown of the twinkling feet slipped Townsend and Weeks and flashed across a pretty centre and Drury, meeting it squarely, had Gibson beaten with a first-time effort. The whole movement was prettily conceived and executed, and Gibson was left helpless. For a time exchanges ruled very even, but the R. G. A. shooting was wretched. Draper initiated several promising raids and carried the ball down very finely, but his finishing efforts were generally weak and uncertain. The nearest approach to success came from Fisher who whizzed one just over the bar with the keeper in no position to save. At the other end Gibson had quite a lot of work to do and two of his saves, from Drury and from Jones, were quite brilliant. Sundry promising movements were spoiled by the ground which made the ball bump curiously at times, but on the whole the game was clean and open and very fast. No more interesting game has been seen in Hongkong this season. But the further the game went the more the Shropshires halves took command of it. They quite broke the hearts of the R.G.A. forwards and they were able to assist their own forward line very materially. The result was that much pressure was brought to bear on the R.G.A. defence which never wavered. It was the middle line that was overplayed.

For five minutes after the resumption the R.G.A. strove desperately to get a goal, and a goal at this stage might have made a very different result. It is true that up to this point the Shropshires had been the better team but they were the better team only to the extent of the confidence a goal lead gives. As the second half progressed, however, they more and more took a grip of the game. They had quite a chapter of accidents—in the course of one fierce melee on the R. G. A. goal they had two men laid low—but the injuries were the purest of accidents. As this half progressed Williams seemed to be everywhere and he was always swinging the ball out to the wings or placing it discreetly forward for Jones to make a thrustful move between the backs. Davis missed one fine chance when Gibson came out and failed to get the ball properly away. But a second goal was bound to come. Brown tried a dropping, experimental sort of shot which Gibson intended to push over the bar. That, indeed, was his only possible play. Probably there was a spin on the ball. In any case, it curled off his hands and went through just under the bar. This was distinctly rough luck on Gibson who had stood up manfully to

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

"Girl killed with loaded air-gun," says a Vancouver paper. The number of persons killed with air-guns that are not loaded is so great that no newspaper ever troubles to draw attention to such cases.

Among the coins found in the Tramway Company's collecting box for the Cigarette and Tobacco Fund were two ten-penny pieces.—To do good and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

We don't feel as if we want to read further on the subject, having scanned a Sydney Evening News leading which says: "Looking for Rate, Inspector. Rude But Small.—Savage Company Managers Fined." We are inclined to cut out passages from our morning meal if ever we visit Sydney.

And while we are speaking of things reasonable and good to eat, the advertisement catches our eye: "Thoroughbred Siamese Kitten, suitable for Christmas presents." Into how many parts is the animal going to be dissected?

Quoth His Excellency: "Long Live the Chinese Coolie!" So say we and the longer the way he lives from us the better we shall like him. But unless something is soon done about that European reservation business!

Mr. H. J. Tennant said he did not know if Mr. Churchill would have charge of a brigade.—He that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

It had never occurred to us that because the new Messageries boat was called the Aïcha, her sister ship would necessarily be styled the Pathos. Shades of Dumas!

A London man writes to the Globe suggesting that "a league of truth" should be started. The same idea has occurred to men in former ages, but we sometimes think that David, in his haste said the last word on the subject and so what's the use?

For example, would the League of Truth extend its membership to a friend of ours who, expecting a telephone call any time after midnight gave instructions on the subject to the watchman at his hotel. He claims that when a 2.30 a.m.—his light was suddenly switched on and an obsequious voice murmured: "Sahib, a man have call ring you up yet," all he did was to go up in bed and say sweetly: "Now that's awfully good of you to come and tell me. There's another dollar for you, and you can help yourself to the whiskey. We'll second our friend for membership of any recognised and reputable Liars' Society be as to the League of Truth."

"Submarine fires on lifeboats," says a contemporary headline, but no explanation follows to show what fuel is used in fires or, for that matter, to tell how the lifeboats originally got submerged.

many fine efforts; but it did not affect the result. That was decided before the second goal came along. It was not a lucky day for the R.G.A. Nothing seemed to come for them, but they played fine against misfortune for quite a long time. Afterwards they seemed a little heart, except the defence which never quailed. Williams, Brown and Wall stood out prominently in the winning team, while all did well. It was fortunate for the winners that Wall took a kick to such fine purpose for his partner was mistaken in fluke for quite a time. The game was—

Shropshires.—Pritchard, Brown and Wall; Morris, Williams, Parker, Brown, Davis, Jones, Drury and Poplew.
R. G. A.—Gibson, Captain Weeks, Gillespie, Leonard, Townsend, Shropshires, Youngman, Swan and Drury.
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LOCAL SPORT.

(Continued from page 4.)
3rd Company R.G.A. v.
St. Joseph's College.

The 33rd Company had a narrow win in their match against the St. Joseph's College on the Naval Ground on Saturday afternoon. The Collegians played very cleverly and the leather was soon at the gunners' goal, where a tough struggle followed in which R. Hyndman made a smart pass to T. Hyndman who had a fine opening, but, unfortunately, the leather, hitting his arm, shot into the net and thus a good opportunity was missed. The gunners then attacked and made many good tries, but Omar, as usual, cleared cleverly until a beautiful shot scored for the gunners. Although the Collegians played hard, the gunners managed to maintain their lead throughout the first half. On resuming, both sides played with determination and the leather was tossed about the field in quick succession until the Collegians made another fine dash into the gunners' territory, where a rare struggle followed which resulted in a goal within the penalty area. The Collegians were awarded the penalty kick which was taken by T. Hyndman, who most unfortunately missed the net by a couple of inches. The play which followed, was very evenly contested and the final whistle found the scores as follows:—33rd Company R.G.A., 1 goal; St. Joseph's College, nil.

The 33rd Company R.G.A. had a fine struggle against the 38th Company R.G.A. in the Second Division League ground on the Club grounds on Saturday afternoon, proving themselves the better team from the start. They delivered many forceful attacks which, unfortunately for them, went either too high or too wide. The 38th made a very poor show against the gunners' strong defence and were obliged to play a defensive game throughout a greater part of the match. After missing many good chances, the gunners managed to score one point, which lead they maintained until the final whistle. The scores were:—33rd Company R.G.A., 1 goal; 38th Company R.G.A., nil.

Navy v. Royal Engineers.
The match between these teams on Saturday came to an abrupt conclusion following an unpleasant scene. The early stages of the game were all in favour of the naval men, who gave their opponents a big surprise by their good all-round play. Early on, the Navy notched a point, and from there onwards the Engineers tried hard to equalise. They kept up a constant pressure on the naval goal, but no luck came their way, and, after many narrow escapes for the Navy, the half-time whistle sounded with the military men one goal to the lead. After a period of even play on the resumption, the Navy forwards got going and during an attack on the Engineers' goal the referee (Mr. Ross) gave a penalty against the military team, one of the naval forwards having been fouled inside the area. Fennimore scored with the kick, whereupon a squabble ensued on a protest by the Engineers, one of whom is stated to have used abusive language towards the referee. The offending player was ordered off, but, he refused to go and the referee declared the game closed, the Navy having a two-to-nil lead.

RUGBY.

Scouts Co. H.K.V.C. v. The Rest.
The match between the Scouts Company, H.K.V.C. and the rest of the Colony which took place on the Club ground on Saturday was productive of some good football, a strongly contested game ending in favour of the Scouts by 13 points to 3. Mr. Hegarty had got together quite a strong combination to represent the Scouts, while The Rest, despite the fact that they were not used to one another's play, put up a good fight.

The following were the teams:—
The Scouts:—A. B. Stewart; R. Brand, A. L. Gace, E. W. Hamilton, and E. T. Barton; H. E. Marshall, and C. F. Maltby; F. C. Hall, R. Kennedy, P. S. Leigh-Bennett, J. R. Watson, J. M. Wel-

ker, W. M. Sutherland, G. H. Percy, and H. G. Hegarty.

The Rest:—Cleverly, Kempthorne, Henderson, R. Homeward, Chapman, Rouse and Blackman; Baleson Spillane, Wace, C. K. Homeward, Sullivan, Garland, Weyman and Salkin. Mr. Paul Hodge acted as Referee.

At the onset the Scouts were the first to attack, a combined movement on the right looking for a try. The Rest, who had a man short, were not equal to the defence and after a time made a try but failed to make use of their advantage, when they were up in a nice individual movement. A miscalculation broke away from the Scouts and was successful in clearing the field, but the referee ruled that he had carried the ball into touch. Even play followed for a time, when a well-combined three-quarter movement on the part of the Rest resulted in H. Homeward scoring a try. Salkin took the kick, but failed to convert. The Scouts were soon on the attack again and got the ball over the line, where it was "saved." During the remainder of the first half, the Scouts were the more aggressive side and had hard lines in not equalising, a series of scrums taking place on their opponents' line. Half-time arrived with the three points in favour of the Rest.

It was during the second half that the Scouts proved their superiority. The play on the resumption was again brisk and it looked as if the exchanges were going to be even, but, settling down to a better understanding, the Scouts displayed a lot of really good form. The first try came from Brand, this being the result of a nice three-quarter run. Kennedy with the kick was not successful. It was only a few minutes after this that Gace scored a really good try right under the posts, Hegarty finding no difficulty in adding the extra points. Just before the final whistle, Brand added yet another, this being in a good position for scoring, a thing that Hegarty did with ease. Although the Rest put up a good fight, they were unable to make much headway against their opponents and the game ended with scores reading:—Scouts, 2 goals, 1 try (13 points); The Rest, 1 try (3 points).

CRICKET.

Queen's College v. University.
These teams met on the Crutchever ground on Saturday, the game ending in a comfortable win for the University. It was a bowler's day, Ho Wing-kin doing the "bat trick" for the winners and taking eight wickets for 13 runs, while Fletcher had the five wickets of six wickets for three apiece. The scores were:—

Queen's College.	
B. I. Edwards, b Ho Wing-kin	21
S. H. Imsail, c and b Anderson	0
A. V. Hall, c Marley, b Ho Wing-kin	7
S. Otsuka, c Anderson, b Ho Wing-kin	0
W. Kay, c Chan Wing To, b Ho Wing-kin	0
C. Choi, b Ho Wing-kin	4
J. C. Fletcher, not out	3
E. Moosdeen, b Ho Wing-kin	0
W. Giffen, b Ho Wing-kin	0
S. D. Imsail, c and b Ho Wing-kin	6
A. Haman, b Ho Wing-kin	6
Extras	4
Total	44

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
O. M. R. W.	
Ho Wing-kin	8 5 13 8
Anderson	5 1 21 1
Ng Sze Kwong	2 0 6 0

University.	
A. H. Remjha, b Kay	7
Chan Wing To, b Kay	4
Ng Sze Cheung, c Moosdeen, b Fletcher	0
Yung Hin Lun, b Fletcher	0
Wei Wing Lok, b Fletcher	6
Ho Wing-kin, c Imsail, b Fletcher	4
C. G. Anderson, b Kay	0
J. Wright, b Fletcher	4
Wei Wing Hon, c and b Moosdeen	8
Ng Sze Kwong, b Fletcher	1
G. E. Marley, not out	28
Extras	13
Total	85

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
O. M. R. W.	
Kay	12 4 21 3
Fletcher	9 2 18 6
Hall	3 1 13 0
Johnson	5 0 19 0
Moosdeen	1 0 1 1

COMPANY MEETINGS.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited.

(VERBATIM).

An extraordinary general meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, was held at the office of the Society, 2, Queen's Buildings, Ice House Street, at noon today, for the purpose of confirming resolutions which were passed at an extraordinary general meeting on December 2.

The chair was occupied by Mr. S. H. Dodwell, those also present being:—the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holroyd, Messrs. W. L. Patten, J. W. C. Bonnar, J. A. Plummer, A. Forbes, and G. T. Edkins (directors); Mr. C. Montague E. (secretary) and Messrs. Ho Fook, W. Dunbar, W. R. Mansfield, and R. F. Hall (shareholders).

The Chairman:—As it is now past the hour for which this meeting was called, and as there is a quorum present, I will set the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

The Secretary then read the notice and the following resolution:—

1.—That the Capital of the Society be increased to \$4,000,000 (Four million Dollars) by the creation of 3,600 (Three thousand six hundred) additional ordinary shares of \$50 (Two hundred and fifty Dollars) each, whereof \$100 (One hundred Dollars) shall be credited as paid up, marking for dividend and in all other respects par passu with the existing ordinary shares of the Society; and that the said additional shares, so far as shall be necessary for the purpose, be issued to those Shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, who have accepted or shall accept the Society's offer made to them on the 4th day of August, 1915—such issue being in accordance with the terms of a contract or memorandum in writing made or to be made pursuant to the said offer and to be filed with the Registrar of Companies; and that the balance (if any) of the said additional shares be disposed of by the Society's Board of Directors in such manner as such Board shall think most beneficial to the Society.

2.—That Article No. 9 of the Society's Articles of Association which now reads:—

"The Society shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the shares registered in the name of each shareholder (whether solely or jointly with others) and upon the proceeds of sale thereof, for his debts liabilities and engagements, and solely or jointly with any other person, to or with the Society, whether the period for the payment, fulfilment, or discharge thereof shall have actually arrived or not; and no equitable interest in any share shall be created except upon the footing and condition that Clause 34a hereof is to have full effect. And such lien shall extend to all dividends from time to time declared in respect of such shares."

3.—That after Article No. 34 of the Society's Articles of Association the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 34a:—

34a.—Save as herein otherwise provided the Society shall be entitled to treat the registered holder of any share as the absolute owner thereof, and accordingly shall not be excepted as ordered by a Court of competent jurisdiction, or as by Ordinance required, be bound to recognise any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share on the part of any other person, Firm, Company or Corporation."

4.—That the heading of Article Nos. 95 to 100 (inclusive) of the Society's Articles of Association reading "the Secre-

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"tary" be altered as to read "the General Manager;" and that in the last mentioned Articles (Nos. 95 to 100 inclusive) wherever the word "Secretary" appears such word be eliminated and that in lieu thereof the words "General Manager" be inserted.

Mr. W. Dunbar:—I beg to second that resolution, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman:—It has been proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Dunbar that the resolutions be confirmed. Those in favour? Those against? That is carried unanimously. The resolution is duly confirmed. I thank you for your attendance. The Society is now in a position to deal with the shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Company in accordance with the terms of the Society's offer. That is all the business, gentlemen.

China Traders Insurance Co. Ltd.

An extraordinary general meeting of the China Traders Insurance Co. Ltd., was held at the office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Ice House Street, this morning for the purpose of confirming resolutions which were passed at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on December. The resolutions, which were confirmed, provide for the alteration of the Company's Articles of Association.

THE COAL MARKET.

Messrs. Hughes and Hough's Report.

In their coal report dated December 16, Messrs. Hughes and Hough give the following figures:—

Coals expected.—Tamon Maru, 3,600, Japan, sold; Fakui Maru, 5,100, Japan, sold; Unkai Maru, 3,800, Japan, sold; Ryusho Maru, 3,000, Dairen, sold; Taihei Maru, 3,000, Dairen, sold; Taiyo Maru, 3,000, Dairen, sold; Fakura Maru, 3,600, Japan, sold; Daiya Maru, 2,800, Japan, sold; Matsura Maru, 3,900, Japan, sold; Heiyo Maru, 4,200, Japan, sold; Dainichi Maru, 3,800, Japan, sold; Wada Maru, 3,800, Japan, sold; Toyora Maru, 3,700, Japan, sold; Yabiko Maru, 3,600, Japan, sold; Nippo Maru, 4,000, Japan, sold; Nichiro Maru, 3,800, Japan, sold; Kiyo Maru, 2,000, Japan, sold; Hikosan Maru, 4,300, Japan, sold; Yaitai Maru, 3,000, Japan, sold; Total Tons, 59,000, Japan; 7,000 Dairen.

Arrivals.—December 3, Fakui Maru, 5,100, Moji, sold; December 5, Soyehiro Maru, 1,300, Yawama, sold; December 6, Shinyo Maru, 2,000, Moji, sold; December 7, Tamon Maru, No. 18, 3,800, Miike, sold; December 9, Taihei Maru, 2,300, Fushan, sold; December 10, Anyo Maru, 2,500, Moji, sold; December 11, Fakura Maru, 3,700, Moji, sold; December 12, Yabiko Maru, 3,500, Miike, sold; December 13, Heiyo Maru, 4,200, Miike, sold; December 13, Fujisan Maru, 2,100, Matsushima, sold.

Sales.—No sales of importance reported.

Quotations.—Japanese Coals: Miike Lump, \$11.50 per ton ex-ship, nominal; Miike Washed Nuts, \$11.50; Miike Dust, \$8.00; Akaike Lump, \$8.25; Yoshio Lump, \$7.60; Tagawa Lump, \$13.50; Ohnoura 3 ft. Lump, \$8.80; Takashima Lump, \$14.50; Suinew Piller, \$8.50; Kanada 8 feet Lump, \$13.50; Ochi Lump, \$14.00; Namazuta Lump, \$9.00; Namazuta Unscreamed, \$8.50; Namazuta Nuts, \$8.00; Iwaseki Lump, \$7.30; Sayo Dust, \$5.90. Other kinds: Fushan Unscreamed, \$8.60; Fushan Lump, \$8.80; Fushan Dust, \$7.50; Kaiping Navy Lump, \$11.50; Kaiping Loco Lump, \$8.20; Kaiping No. 5 Dust, \$7.25; Kaiping No. 1 Dust, \$7.00. Cardiff coal, no stock. Australian coal, nominal, for sale.

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The *Delfin* Maru.
The stock boat, *Delfin* Maru, 1,678 tons, the Japanese Dockyard Company has just completed, has been taken by an Osaka business man at ¥450,000 which is easily a new record.

K. R. K. Bury.

The torpedo-boat-destroyer to be built at the Mitsui Bishi Dockyard from April 1916 to her completion in 1917 will be the largest type of this kind of warship in the world, with a tonnage of 1,200 tons. The destroyer will be called *Hama*.

The Case of the *Iro Maru*.

The *Japan Chronicle* quotes a report which states that the Japanese steamer *Iro Maru* has been released after all her cargo has been seized and landed. It will be remembered that the French Minister in Peking received a telegram from Saigon reporting that when the steamer reached French waters off Cape St. Jacques, she was approached by a French destroyer, the officers of which witnessed cases being rapidly thrown overboard from her decks. The vessel was taken to Saigon, where an examination revealed much cargo missing which is believed to have consisted of "medicine" (the Chinese word for "medicine" is *Yao*). According to a Nagasaki dispatch to the *Asahi*, Mr. Mori Hidemasa, owner of the *Iro Maru*, has brought forward a claim of ¥200,000 as compensation against the French Government in connection with the affair, and the French Consulate-General at Shanghai is making investigations into the matter. Mr. Mori left Nagasaki for Shanghai by the *Chugoku Maru* on the 25th ultimo.

Rotterdam Lloyd.

From December, till further notice, the mail steamers of the Rotterdam Lloyd will not call at London. A beginning will be made on Dec. 15 with the *Tamora*. The further regular fortnightly sailings will be direct from Rotterdam, via Lisbon and Naples, to Port Said, Suez, Colombo, and Dutch East India. This refers to mail steamers only. The *Opheer*, on Dec. 2, will be the last mail steamer to make the London call. The cargo service will continue and be carried on regularly fortnightly from London.

The decision of the Danish Government, prohibiting further sales of tonnage to buyers abroad, has aroused strong opposition in Danish shipping circles, although, in other quarters, the step is regarded with satisfaction. It is pointed out that while only twenty-eight steamers, with a total gross tonnage of 54,000, have been sold to foreign buyers since January 1, 1915, no fewer than thirty-five vessels, aggregating about 85,000 gross tons, have been either built or bought from abroad. There has, therefore, been an increase, and not a decrease in the tonnage total.

The Shipping Famine.

The shipping famine is one of the penalties which the very success of the British Fleet has brought upon us; it is one of the blessings which it is conferring on neutrals says the *L. and G. Express*. But the military advantages secured to us by our command of the sea outweigh any temporary inconveniences. The Navy has not only driven off the seas all the merchant vessels under enemy flags, thus robbing our foes of an immense income and strangling their trade, but it has enabled the British people to use against Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey, and Bulgaria the long arm of victorious sea-power. The Royal Navy has won the command of the seas; the merchant navy, in carrying troops and munitions and goods of all descriptions is extending it. In other words, the very extent of our overseas military operations involving the employment of a large number of ships, is contributing to aggravate a situation against which the Government has now decided to take precautionary measures.

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America's Shipbuilding.
The U.S.A. navy programme, it is reported, includes the construction of the "world's biggest and fastest battle cruisers," which will cost about \$4,000,000 each, and carry the "heaviest guns." The contract will call for a speed of 33 knots. At present America possesses no cruiser-battle ships, and is deficient in most cruisers.

Freights at Weihaiwei.
The Commissioner of Weihaiwei, in his report for 1914, states that steamers freight were low owing to the outbreak of rates by the Japanese, but in spite of this fact prospects were most promising up to the outbreak of war. Since then, however, there has been a good deal of cargo appearing, but, owing to the scarcity of British tonnage, Japanese vessels have reaped the benefit.

New Dutch Ship.
The new Koninklijke Paketvaart Maatschappij's steamer *Ombika* was launched on Nov. 10 from the Nederlandsche Scheepbouw M.Y. of Amsterdam. The vessel is built of steel, and is the first carrying unit of the fleet. She is also the first steamer with turbine tanks to be built in Holland. Her length is 220 ft., breadth 34 ft., and depth 27 ft. She has a displacement, with a draught of 22 ft. 6 in., of 11,500 tons. The steamer has been built to Bureau Veritas' highest class. Seven watertight bulkheads divide the ship into eight compartments. The holds have big hatches, and the vessel is equipped with up-to-date and powerful cargo-handling appliances.

The German Mercantile Marine.
Speaking at the meeting of the London Maritime Investment Company, Sir Owen Phillips gave a survey of the present position of the German mercantile marine. At the outbreak of the war, he said, the German mercantile marine consisted of 5,459,295 tons, as compared with 19,256,766 tons owned by Great Britain. Of the German tonnage, \$30,000,000 have been captured by the British Navy and 38,000 tons have been captured by our Allies. 117,000 tons sunk, and 397,000 tons interned in ports of the British Empire, whilst the remainder, viz., about 4,677,000 tons (with the exception of an insignificant and diminishing number of steamers running in the Baltic), has for more than a year been resting in German and neutral harbours.

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London & Bombay	Nankin	P. & O.	30, Dec.
London & Marseilles via Ports	Asaka	P. & O.	30, Dec.
London & Marseilles via Ports	Mashima M.	N. Y. K.	31, Jan.

NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND CANADA.

Victoria, B.C. & Seattle	Ythama M.	N. Y. K.	23, Dec.
San Francisco via Manila & Japan	Shinyo M.	N. Y. K.	28, Dec.
San Francisco & American Ports	Kiyo M.	N. Y. K.	8, Jan.
San Francisco	Arakani	J.C.J.L.	9, Jan.
Victoria, B.C. & Seattle etc.	Sato M.	N. Y. K.	11, Jan.
Boston & New York	Kathlamet	B. & S.	15, Jan.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Chiyo M.	N. Y. K.	25, Jan.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Persia M.	T. K. K.	31, Jan.
San Francisco	Tijonkari	J.C.J.L.	9, Feb.
San Francisco	China	C. M. S. S.	9, Feb.
San Francisco via Manila & Japan etc.	Chino M.	T. K. K.	15, Feb.
San Francisco via Manila & Japan etc.	Dairen M.	T. K. K.	3, Mar.
San Francisco	Kaishan	J.C.J.L.	9, Mar.
San Francisco	Tikembang	J.C.J.L.	9, Apr.

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Australian Ports via Manila	St Albans	G. L. Co.	21, Dec.
Australian Ports via Manila	Empire	G. L. Co.	3, Jan.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	14, Jan.
Australian Ports via Manila	Changsha	B. & S.	21, Jan.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Eastern	G. L. Co.	31, Jan.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Altenham	G. L. Co.	24, Feb.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Hitachi M.	N. Y. K.	Feb.

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Singapore, Bombay etc.	Iyo M.	N. Y. K.	20, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Novara	P. & O.	20, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Empire	J. M. Co.	21, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Chinshu	B. & S.	21, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Haiching	D. L. Co.	21, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Hola	D. S. & Co.	21, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Kunichow	B. & S.	21, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Yingchow	B. & S.	21, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Hopsang	J. M. Co.	21, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	D. L. Co.	23, Dec.	
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Bombay M.	N. Y. K.	24, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Yucasang	J. M. Co.	24, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Foosang	J. M. Co.	24, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Colombo M.	N. Y. K.	25, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Kaga M.	N. Y. K.	25, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Teian	B. & S.	25, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Tikaroom	J.C.J.L.	29, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Tikembang	J.C.J.L.	3, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	S. Jacob	J.C.J.L.	30, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Porhosa	P. & O.	31, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Alaska M.	N. Y. K.	31, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Kumsang	J. M. Co.	31, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Nellore	P. & O.	31, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Penang M.	N. Y. K.	1, Jan.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Van S.	J.C.J.L.	4, Jan.
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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

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The T. K. K. a.s. *SHINYO MARU* will sail from Hongkong on March 10, 1916. The T. K. K. a.s. *SHINYO MARU* will sail from San Francisco on the 12th October at noon. This vessel will next leave Hongkong for San Francisco via usual ports of call on Tuesday the 28th Dec. at noon.
The T. K. K. a.s. *YENSO MARU* will sail from Hongkong on Tuesday the 15th February 1916 at noon.

CANADIAN MAIL.
The C. P. R. a.s. *EMPEROR OF JAPAN* left Yokohama on Friday the 10th Dec. 1915, due to arrive Vancouver on the 21st Dec.
The C. P. R. a.s. *MONTAGLE* arrived Moji on Thursday the 16th Dec. at 9 a.m. left Moji on Friday the 17th Dec. at 3 a.m. due to arrive Kobe on Friday the 17th Dec. at 11 p.m.

ENGLISH MAIL.
The P. & O. a.s. *NOVARA* left Singapore for this Port on the 15th instant at noon, with the outward English Mail, and is due here on the 21st inst. at about daylight.
MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The a.s. *GLASGOW* is expected here from London on the 21st instant.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Standard, Am. ss. 204, O. Johnson, 15th Dec. — Saigon, Rice — T. & C.	Yung King, Br. ss. 3,000, J. Mason, 9th Dec. — Singapore, 4th Dec. — China.
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R. I. Ltd.	Salamis		Dec. 20	Singapore
S. T. & Co.	Glenlogan		Dec. 21	London
B. & S.	Hyron	6,638	Dec. 23	London
B. & S.	Priam	4,543	Dec. 24	Liverpool
J.C.J.L.	Tikembang		Dec. 24	Java
N. Y. K.	Kiyo Maru	12,000	Dec. 24	Yokohama
J.C.J.L.	Tikaroom		Dec. 25	Japan
N. Y. K.	Asaka Maru	15,080	Dec. 25	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Kashima Maru	21,000	Dec. 29	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nankin		Dec. 29	Yokohama
R. & S.	Helenus	7,555	Dec. 31	Yokohama
S. T. & Co.	Kathlamet	4,104	Jan. 1	London
P. & O.	Nellore		Jan. 1	New York
N. Y. K.	Sado Maru	10,000	Jan. 1	Yokohama
P. & O.	Penang Maru	12,277	Jan. 2	Yokohama
B. & S.	Kashmir		Jan. 2	Yokohama
B. & S.	Knights Companion	7,433	Jan. 7	London
J.C.J.L.	Arakan		Jan. 7	Java
G. L. & Co.	Eastern	3,586	Jan. 7	Australia
T. K. K.	Persia Maru	9,000	Jan. 9	San Francisco
P. & O.	Monara		Jan. 9	London
N. Y. K.	Hitachi Maru	6,557	Jan. 13	Australia
P. & O.	Novara		Jan. 13	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Nikko Maru	9,600	Jan. 13	Yokohama
T. K. K.	Chiyo Maru	22,000	Jan. 14	San Francisco
P. & O.	Serdinia	6,744	Jan. 15	London
B. & S.	Changsha	2,269	Jan. 15	Australia
N. Y. K.	Awa Maru	6,309	Jan. 16	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Sidra Maru		Jan. 24	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Sawa Maru	21,000	Jan. 26	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kashmir		Jan. 27	Yokohama
G. L. & Co.	Nellore		Jan. 28	Yokohama
P. & O.	Altenham	3,808	Jan. 29	Australia
P. & O.	Namur	6,694	Jan. 29	London
J.C.J.L.	Nore		Feb. 5	London
T. K. K.	Tenyo Maru	22,000	Feb. 7	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Atsuta Maru		Feb. 9	Yokohama
P. & O.	Sarila	6,574	Feb. 11	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nankin		Feb. 12	London
N. Y. K.	Aki Maru		Feb. 13	Seattle
P. & O.	Mongara		Feb. 14	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Tango Maru		Feb. 16	Yokohama
J.C.J.L.	Karim on		Mar. 7	Australia
J.C.J.L.	Tikembang		Apr. 7	Java

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Tikembang	JAVA	7th Apr. "	11th Apr. "	do

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH SECOND EXTRA

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 20 1915.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

[Reader's Service to the "Telegraph."]
THE SECOND ANCONA NOTE
AND WHAT IT IMPLIES.

December 19, 11.55 p.m.

A New York forecast says that the second Ancona Note reiterates the American demands, based on the admission of the Austrian Admiralty, and leaves no doubt that Austria will have to reply promptly. The rupture of the maintenance relations depends on the reply.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST ENEMY AGAIN CIRCUMVENTED.

December 20, 1.25 a.m.

A British official message says that the enemy, on Sunday morning, gained the British lines north-east of Ypres, accompanied by a heavy bombardment. Except for a few places, where they were repulsed before reaching our lines, our fire prevented the Germans from leaving their trenches. Our anti-gas measures were most effective and the line remained everywhere intact.

Hostile artillery has been unusually active east of Ypres, and west and south of Messines. The enemy exploded two mines in front of our trenches east of Armentieres, and attempted to occupy the crater, but were driven off.

ALLEGED ENEMY TRADING.

The Case of Messrs. Thoresen and Co.

The hearing was resumed at the Magistrate's Court, before Mr. Haselund, of the case in which Messrs. Thoresen and Co. are charged with trading with the enemy.

Mr. G. N. Orme was for the prosecution, and Mr. F. C. Jenkins, instructed by Mr. Preston, appeared for the defendants.

Mr. Burns brought before his Worship the case against Carl Jensen, saying that the summons was taken out before they knew the facts of the case. Mr. Jensen was the writer of the letter and they did not know whether Thoresen and Co. would accept responsibility. They were now proceeding against Thoresen and Co.

Mr. Jensen asked if the summons against Carl Jensen would be withdrawn.

Mr. Orme answered in the affirmative and said the summons was for trading with Pasedag and Co. The actual offence was for supplying five cases of petroleum stores to Pasedag and Co. of Amoy. It was understood that the stores came out from Hong Kong, but as far as they were concerned the goods went out of British protection and passed to Pasedag and Co., who were Germans. The facts were simple. A letter was intercepted by the censor from the defendants to the owner in Amoy, enclosing a bill of lading, a bill of charges and shipment expenses on five cases of petroleum stores.

Inspector Sullivan:—I have heard of the firm before, but I have not tried to find out whether the heads were Chinese or not.

Mr. Jensen:—Have you not heard in the course of this case that the goods were shipped to the Fokien Drug Co., as consignees?—From what I saw of them they were wanted to order.

Mr. Jensen:—Do you know that the goods arrived in this port by the S.S. Arabien, belonging to the East Asiatic Co., and the defendant firm are the agents of that Company here?—I do not know that the goods arrived by that ship. He had been informed that the defendant firm were the agents of the East Asiatic Company.

At this stage, Mr. Jensen produced a document and asked witness if he did not show that all the money the firm made out of it was 25 cents?—I should not say that, but it shows that the agents' commission was 5 per cent. per package.

Do you know that the defendant had the permission of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports to export these goods?—I do not know.

TRAMWAY EMPLOYEE CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

Before Mr. Wood, at the Police Court this afternoon, a Chinese tram conductor was charged with defrauding the Hongkong Tramway Co. by selling old tickets.

Evidence was given as to the issuing of the tickets, the method of checking them and the detection of the offence. Representatives of the Company gave evidence, and an inspector said there were twelve people in the car, and all refused to give their names and addresses, with the exception of one. He (witness) denied that he had tried to borrow money from the defendant.

Defendant was sentenced to six weeks hard labour.

VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Major Wakeman, Commanding H. K. V. R. State:—

Extract from Routine Order No. 305, Monday, 20th December 1915:—

Regimental Court-Martial. A Regimental Court-Martial, composed as under, will assemble at the Volunteer Headquarters, Garden Road, at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 21st instant, for the purpose of trying by Regimental Court-Martial No. 330 Corporal George Martin, Hongkong Volunteer Reserve, and such other accused as may be brought before it.

President.

Major L. B. F. Currie, 87th Company, R.G.A.

Members.

Captain C. Champkin, Calcutta Volunteer Rifles, attached H. K. V. R.

A Subaltern, 4th K.S.L.I. (with not less than one year Commissioned Service).

Do you know that at the time of this transshipment shipments were not forbidden?—I don't know.

Do you know that when Mr. Jensen, the writer of the letter, got no answer to the letter he straightway went and saw the Captain Superintendent of Police?—No, I have never been told.

Do you know, too, that, wondering if anything was wrong he took up all the documents to the C.S.P.?—I do not know.

And that all that was before the summons was taken out?—I know nothing on the subject.

Do you know that the five cases of petroleum have been delivered to the consignees?—I don't know.

The case was adjourned until to-morrow.

POLICE DINNER.

Reserves Entertain the Regular Police.

A very happy company assembled at the King Edward Hotel on Saturday evening when the Inspectors and Sergeants of the Police Reserve entertained the Inspectors of the Regular Police to dinner. There were altogether about 60 present, over whom Mr. F. C. Jenkins, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve) presided. The guests of the evening were Lieut. Wallace, Chief Gunner on the Tamar, Mr. Vanstone, Warant Officer R.N.; Inspectors Sullivan, Gordon, Sim, Brazil, Browne, J. Watt, and Gerrard; and Sergeants Pitt and Blackman. Among those present belonging to the Police Reserve were:—Inspectors Chinchin, G. Watt, Langley, Taylor, Lammert, Wilden, Hyman, McEwan, Wicheil, Leo D'Almeida, A. E. Alves, Sinder Khan and Mow Fung, Sergeant Major Roylance, Sergeant Inspector Thomas, Crown Sergeant Safford, Silva-Neta, F. F. Silva, E. A. V. Ribeiro, Un Hew-fan, B. W. Tape, and Wang Kwong-lin, and Sergeants Kobergill, Easton, H. C. Botelho, O. A. Rozario, P. O. Roza, C. A. R. 21, F. H. Bradman, J. M. S. Rozario, M. A. Figueiredo, J. G. G. Oporto, F. B. Silva, Peter Wong, Chan Muk-beung, James Wong, Kwok Ying-kuen, Chow Uting, J. Pong-wai, Choi Choo-shoon, Pun Yun-fong, and Chan Sing, with Bandmaster J. P. Croxson and P. C. George Grimbie.

After the dinner, which was served in excellent style, a few toasts were proposed. In reply to the toast of "Our Guests," which had been given by Mr. Jenkins, Inspector Gordon said how much the Regular Police appreciated the services of the Reserves, he assured them they were thankful for the great assistance being rendered.

During the evening a very enjoyable musical programme was gone through, those contributing being Lieut. Wallace, Drum Major Silva, Mr. George Grimbie, Sergt. T. Pitt, Inspector Mow Fung, Inspector Lammert, Bandmaster Costa, Sergt. Silva-Neta, and Sergt. Major Roylance. Mr. Grimbie was the pianist.

It should be mentioned that great praise is due to Inspector Wicheil, who was responsible for the whole arrangements, the proceedings going through without a hitch.

FOR THE CHRISTMAS.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co. have just received a consignment of unbreakable dolls from New York. Unfortunately, England was unable to supply the firm with really good dolls this year, (owing probably to the call on workers for the making of munitions), while in the past dolls have been obtained from France and Germany. This also was the difficulty last year, but Messrs. Lane, Crawford's agents in New York advised them that its wants could be supplied in an excellent manner from there, so the firm decided to import from America. At first doubts were entertained as to how they would turn out, but all fears were allayed on opening the cases, and early residents who have already seen and purchased, express the opinion that they are as good if not better than the firm has had at any time. It may be added that the dolls will be kept open each evening during Christmas week until 6 p.m.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued by Lieut. Col. A. Chapman, V.D. state:—

Leave. Sapper S. Himer is granted leave of absence from 1.1.16 to 1.1.17.

Promotion. 2nd Cpl. D. Austin, Engineer Co., to be Corporal dated 14.12.15.

2nd Cpl. J. R. Kinghorn, Engineer Co., to be Corporal dated 14.12.15.

LeCpl. A. Davidson, Engineer Co., to be 2nd Cpl. dated 14.12.15.

LeCpl. S. Jer, Engineer Co., to be 2nd Cpl. dated 14.12.15.

Sapper T. F. O'Sullivan, Engineer Co., to be 2nd Cpl. dated 14.12.15.

Parades. Parades for Tuesday, 21st inst. 7.00 a.m. Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers as detailed in Signalling Section Order dated 8.12.15. Morse flag practice at Headquarters.

5.10 p.m. Centre Section M. G. Co. Machine Gun drill at Kowloon Dock. Lunch leaves Statue Pier at 4.30 p.m.

5.15 p.m. Nos. 1 & 2 Sections Army. Battery—10 pdr. drill at Headquarters.

Right Section M. G. Co.—Section drill & Maskery exercises on Cricket Ground.

5.15 p.m. Left Section M. G. Co.—Machine Gun drill at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. No. 1 Section Scouts Co.—Bayonet fighting at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Nos. 2, 3 & 4 Sections Scouts Co.—Drill on Cricket Ground.

5.15 p.m. Civil Service Co.—Drill at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units (except Right Sec. M. G. Co. and Six Sec.) Squad drill and Rifle exercises at Headquarters under S. M. Higby.

5.15 p.m. Stretcher Bearer Section Instruction at Headquarters. Detail.

Gun Club Hill, Kowloon.—On duty until morning of 26th inst. H. K. V. R.

Next for duty Right Section M. G. Co.

Officer on duty Lieut. Kennett. P. of W. Camp, Kowloon.—On duty until morning of 26th inst. H. K. V. R.

Next for duty. Dec. 26th Scouts Company. Officer on duty Capt. Stewart.

Dec. 27th Scouts Company. Officer on duty Lieut. Weall.

Dec. 28th Scouts Company. Officer on duty Lieut. Murphy.

Dec. 29th Centre Section M. G. Co. Officer on duty Lieut. Wright.

Dec. 30th Civil Service Company. Officer on duty Lieut. Lindsay.

Dec. 31st No. 2 Section Art. Batty. Officer on duty Lieut. Dauby.

Jan. 1st No. 1 Sec. Art. Batty. and Left Sec. M. G. Co. Officer on duty Capt. Armstrong.

Orderly Sergeant from December 26th to Jan. 2nd. Officer on duty Corp. W. Brown.

AN INSOLVENT COMPANY.

Winding-up Order Made by Court. At the Supreme Court, this morning an application was heard by the Chief Justice for a supervisory order of the Court for the voluntary winding up of the Yuen On Insurance, Exchange, Loan and Godown Company, of 134 Braham Strand, Hongkong.

The application was made on behalf of the Company by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, who said there was no opposition. Mr. Shepton had appeared in Court on behalf of a number of creditors on the previous occasions when a date for hearing was being fixed and he had had nothing to say against the application. A resolution had been passed by the shareholders for the winding up of the Company.

His Lordship asked for the grounds of the application to be stated.

Mr. Jenkins said that the Company was insolvent and unable to pay its debts. That was owing to the large number of claims made upon it by reason of fires at Canton. The available assets were \$20,000 and there was also a sum of \$40,000 due for unpaid capital, but the larger part of that sum was not recoverable. There were several actions pending against the Company and some more would be commenced in the course of the next few days. In the circumstances, the directors felt that it was only just and equitable that the Company should be wound up and the assets properly distributed under the supervision of the officials of that Court. That was done with the idea that the whole of the creditors would be properly treated in the distribution of the assets. They also applied that Mr. O. A. D. Roza should be appointed as Liquidator.

His Lordship made the order asked for.

THE MARINE COURT.

Haagsang's Second Officer Cautioed.

Before Commander C. W. Beckwith, B.N., at the Marine Court this morning, P. H. Rolfe, Marine Superintendent Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co. Ltd., charged Alan Cameron, second officer s.s. Haagsang, with unlawfully absconding himself from the said ship from the 14th to the 16th inst. without permission.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. Complainant stated that the defendant joined the Haagsang at 3.30 p.m., on December 14. He obtained leave from the officer in charge, to go ashore until 7 a.m., the next day. He went ashore and did not rejoin the ship until 3.30 p.m., on the 16th, when he came on board and went to his room without reporting for duty. The master, in view of the defendant's conduct, refused to go to sea with him.

Defendant:—I thought I had leave until 3.30 p.m., next day.

His Worship:—As this officer had only just joined the Company, I dismiss the case and warn the defendant not to be brought up on this charge again.

Other Cases. P. C. Edward Wells charged Li Mui and Leung Mui, boatwomen, with unlawfully being the outside boats of more than five other boats lying alongside the s.s. St. Albans on the 19th instant. Defendants were fined \$10 each.

Acting Police Sergeant Edward Bond charged Kwok Sai, boatmaster, with unlawfully moving about the Harbour during prohibited hours on the 19th inst. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

Up to the Minute. No change.

LICENSING BOARD MEETING.

The Public and the Press.

A meeting of the Licensing Board was held at the Government Buildings this morning. The business was of the briefest character, the only transaction being to transfer the licence from the name of Mrs. Howard to that of Mrs. Clegg.

In the course of a few remarks, the Hon. Colonial Secretary, Mr. Claud Savern, said that it was the wish of the members of the Board that he should draw attention to remarks which had appeared in the Public Press, to the effect that members of the Press have been required to withdraw when business which would be of interest to the public has been discussed, and that these in camera methods were deprecated, or words to that effect. He might say that on the occasion which gave rise to these remarks no business was transacted after the representatives of the Press had left, and that on no occasion is business transacted which could be to the interest of the public without the members of the Press having an opportunity to be present.

The transfer referred to was granted.

THE CINEMATOGRAPHS.

Victoria.

The Friday to Monday show at the Victoria Theatre contains some good features—notably a bright and very clever little two-part French comedy: "When a Woman Schemes." "Selling the Furniture" is another excellent little comic. The dramatic three-part film "When the Birch Trembled" has many sensational situations and is based on the San Francisco earthquake. Both sets of war pictures are vivid and full of interesting detail, and there is also a fine scenic picture dealing with the copper pagoda of Yunnan-fu. A fresh programme—which includes a new "Willis" picture—begins to-morrow night. Readers are also reminded that the management, according to its yearly custom, holds a special Christmas present performance on Christmas eve.

Bijou.

At the Bijou Theatre there have been large houses over Saturday and Sunday. In addition to some good comedies, the programme contains "The Queen's Necklace"—a magnificent coloured Pathe film based on Alexandre Dumas' famous novel of that name—and a four-part dramatic piece: "The Fatal Three." This is one of the Nordisk Company's big successes and unfolds a well-told though tragic story, and the acting is, throughout, of the very highest order.

A MOTOR ACCIDENT.

European Lady Seriously Injured.

A most unfortunate accident took place at Happy Valley yesterday, in consequence of which Mrs. Turner, wife of Mr. Turner, who is the head watchman at the Hongkong Whampoa and Kowloon Dock Company at Kowloon, has been admitted to the French Hospital in an unconscious condition.

It appears that the unfortunate lady, who has only recently recovered from a very severe illness was turning the corner from the Monument, when she was knocked down by a motor car, and sustained such serious injuries to the head that she was rendered unconscious.

We understand that Mrs. Turner is still in a very serious condition.

OUR SPORTS LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
London, Nov. 15.

Sportsmen and the War. There are some thrilling little stories of the war telling of the gallantry and daring of our sportsmen soldiers. The Highlands of Scotland where he recuperating must seem a haven of splendour and rest to Lieut. S. G. Fairbairn, the old Etonian and M.C.C. cricketer, after his experiences in Gallipoli. Shipwrecked at by a Turk at close range he had the good luck to be missed, and his enemy was bayoneted by a fellow Hun, who had been hit by the shot intended for Fairbairn. Then after he had reached the Turkish trench a bomb exploded, knocking Fairbairn backwards several yards and rendering him unconscious. Recovering he led his men forward again, his only weapon now being a shovel. This time another bomb explosion wounded him so severely that he had to be carried out of action on a stretcher. A fast right-handed bowler, Fairbairn went to the West Indies two seasons ago with Mr. A. F. Somerset's M.C.C. eleven.

The Northampton and English three-quarter, Capt. W. R. Mobbs, went through the recent attack at Loos unscathed. At the end he was the senior officer left, and took command of the battalion. In a cheery letter home he described it as the "driest match I have ever played in." His friend, Capt. R. H. Holloway, the Sussex cricketer, was killed away on his right flank, and he also told of the black of Serjeant J. Gillan, the Bedford three quarter, who dashed past him wounded during the fight, and called out that he was going to the dressing station and would be back soon. Here is another story of splendid heroism which has won for Capt. Douglas Tomasi (8th Royal Bays Regt.) the Military Cross. In conjunction with two other companies the Essex cricketer was leading an attack at Halluch when a bullet went clean through his thigh without injuring the bone. This was almost at the start of the advance, but Tomasi kept at the head of his men until the end and reached the fourth German trench. He had two other escapes—when a bullet smashed his field glasses along on his back, and when another shot went through his waterproof coat strapped on his back. It was hardly surprising that at the end of the day he collapsed, and had to go into hospital. He was in the hands of the nurses for ten days, and then was given a month's leave, but he refused this and went back to rejoin his regiment. The Military Cross has also been awarded to one of Birmingham's best Rugby footballers, Second Lieut. James Stuart Thain of the 17th Royal Warwickshire Regiment. The official description of his gallantry is: "He has on three occasions earned out daring and successful reconnaissance of the German lines. On the last occasion, the night of September 26-27, after penetrating the wire in front of the enemy's first line trenches he personally silenced their fire with his bombs at thirty yards distance, and then remaining alone successfully covered the withdrawal of his patrol. Lieut. Thain was captain of Aston Grammar School, being a fine all-round athlete. On leaving school he joined the Old Boys Rugby team and was equally good as three-quarter or full-back."

(To be Continued.)

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The T.K.K. s.s. SHINTO MARU which sailed from San Francisco on the 20th November is expected to arrive at this port via Honolulu, Japan Ports & Manila on Tuesday the 21st Dec. a.m.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1.)

FRENCH TORPEDO ACTIVITY.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.

A Paris naval communique says that a torpedo boat pursued two hydroplanes resting on the water near the Otratel Bank. One of them escaped and the other, which was hit, was captured with two naval men.

GERMAN FACTORY

December 19, 12.15 p.m.

A French cruiser bombarded and entirely destroyed German war material in a factory at Haila.

AMERICA AND AUSTRIA.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.

A telegram from Washington says that President Wilson is drafting a second Note to Austria, which it is expected will be despatched in a few days. It is understood that the Note asks for an immediate reply and to clearly state the consequences if unsatisfactory.

THE AMSTERDAM SENSATION.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that the Public Prosecutor has appealed against the acquittal of the Editor of the *Telegraf*.

NOTHING TO REPORT.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.

A Paris communique states that there is nothing noteworthy to report regarding the Dardanelles or Macedonia.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

The organization of the entrenched camp at Salonica continues.

THE FRENCH RETIREMENT.

December 19, 12.15 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at headquarters in the Balkans describes the final phase of the French retreat as masterly. A new bridgehead was established at Gradetz where there was severe fighting and where there was an enormous accumulation of stores and rolling stock. Heavy guns were sent to the rear before the retirement of the troops had begun. The French lost three hundred yards of trench and the advance line wavered but the men rallied and held their ground further in the rear, while the bridgehead remained intact. When the troops were ordered to retire, their left, which had been the most vulnerable, was strengthened and the retreat to Geygheli was carried out without further loss, as was the evacuation of the hospitals and the removal of the stores at Geygheli, which has been the base. Fog delayed the retirement for forty-eight hours, but the movements were carried out normally. All the attacks were repulsed. Altogether the French lost two thousand killed and wounded in the retirement.

STEAMERS SUNK.

December 17, 5.05 p.m.

The Italian steamer *Port Said*, and the British steamer *Leven* pool have been sunk. The crew of the latter were rescued.

PERSIAN AFFAIRS.

December 17, 5.05 p.m.

The Russians have occupied Hamadan, and are approaching Kam. The Russian Consuls are stated to have left Kerman for Pandarabab. The British Colony at Shiraz is still in captivity, and there is no news of the British Colony at Yazd. The British colony at Sultanabad has been released.

December 17, 8.25 p.m.

It is reported from Teheran that owing to the advance of the Russians the Government committee at Kam has fled to Isfahan.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

December 17, 5.30 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam the latest German report states that the Germans are concentrating at St. Mihiel, but there is growing evidence that not only are the Germans active, but that undoubtedly the enemy must throw new forces, especially artillery, into the West, where the superiority of the Allied guns is wrecking the German trenches, and the morale of the troops.

December 18, 12.45 p.m.

A despatch from Headquarters in France states that, last night, the enemy made a small bombing attack on our line about the quatries north of Loue, but they were easily repulsed. There has been artillery activity the whole day long, especially north of Ypres.

December 18, 1.25 a.m.

A Paris communique states:—The cannonade has been much more severe along the whole front. The Anglo-French artillery, acting in concert, successfully bombarded the enemy trenches in Belgium. Several German batteries in Champagne were also silenced. Two aeroplanes dropped twenty heavy bombs on the Metz and Sablon stations.

THE RUSSIANS.

December 17, 5.30 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam the latest German report states that there is reliable news that the Russians are also preparing a new offensive.

December 17, 6.25 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that the Russian thousand millions roubles war loan is assured of success. The Minister of Finance has drawn up a new fiscal scheme which is expected to produce an annual surplus of 361,000,000 roubles. State monopolies of tea, coffee and matches are contemplated.

December 18 1.05 a.m.

A Petrograd communique reports engagements resulting in favour of the Russians northward of the Lake Drisviaty, and northward of Dubno. Hundreds of Kurds were engaged on the north-eastern extremity of Lake Van, but were driven to the mountains, leaving sixty dead.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

AMERICA AND AUSTRIA.

December 17, 6.15 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington the United States Government has not yet received the Austrian Note, but if it is in accordance with the outline given in Press telegrams, it will be entirely unsatisfactory and will result in the severance of relations. It is announced that the Government may now send a second Note renewing its original demands, but even more insistent on instant compliance.

Later.

The Austrian Note in regard to the Ancona outrage has been received.

December 17, 10.15 p.m.

A hurried Cabinet meeting discussed the Austrian Note and dispersed without any announcement. The position is regarded as being of the gravest. Mr. Lansing has stated that the text of the Note will not be published till it has been thoroughly studied.

December 18, 4.25 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington at the conclusion of the Cabinet meeting which considered the Austrian Note Mr. Lansing admitted that Austria had not yet met any of the American demands. A rupture, however, is not believed to be likely prior to another exchange of Notes. The frequent visits of the Austrian Charge d'Affaires to the State Department is regarded as indicating that informal negotiations are in progress.

MRS. ASQUITH v. THE "GLOBE."

December 17, 7.45 p.m.

Mrs. Asquith is suing the *Globe* to restrain the publication of alleged libels. Her Counsel stated that she had been persecuted by accusations of want of loyalty in her associations with German prisoners at Donnington Hall. She had also been described as a traitor, and a disgrace to her sex. These attacks were suspended only on the issue of a writ. The *Globe's* Counsel said the question was whether the words "wife of a Cabinet Minister" referred to Mrs. Asquith. The latter's Counsel contended that the words referred to his client, who denied on oath all the imputations. The case was postponed until Tuesday.

GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

December 17, 6.15 p.m.

According to Reuter's Paris correspondent the Allies in Greece have prepared a solid defensive. "The German heavy guns do not seem to have arrived, which doubtless accounts for the enemy's not crossing the frontier."

December 18, 1.25 a.m.

A Paris communique states that there is no change in the situation in Macedonia.

December 18, 5.25 a.m.

The *Times'* Athens correspondent says that the German Minister, replying to Greek objections to the entry of the Austro-German troops into Greece, declared that the fortifications which the Allies are constructing at Salonica compel Germany to take action in Greece in order to expel the Allies. M. Scavoudis rejoined that Greece will never allow the Bulgarians to set foot on Greek soil. The Ministerial organ, the *Encheiros*, asserts that the Government intends to protest against the fortifications of Salonica as exceeding the limits conceded.

CANADIAN WAR FINANCE.

December 17, 9.20 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Toronto, Mr. White, the Finance Minister, in the course of a speech said:—"The greatest financial problem which we are at present facing in Canada is the establishment of some form of Canadian credit, which will relieve Great Britain from necessarily shipping gold for the payment of war supplies. The question whether Canada can give this assistance to the Empire will have a direct bearing upon the placing of further war orders in Canada." He also declared that Canada should partially finance present and further war orders.

THE DARDANELLES.

December 18 1.25 a.m.

A Paris communique states that there is no change in the situation at the Dardanelles.

LORD DERBY'S SCHEME IN ACTION.

December 18 7.45 p.m.

An important step was taken to-day under Lord Derby's recruiting scheme. Bills were posted calling out groups, two three, four and five on January 20. These will be the unmarried men from nineteen to twenty-two years of age.

INGENIOUS OPIUM SMUGGLERS.

Captures by Calcutta Customs Officers.

The Calcutta Customs Preventive officers have recently carried out a number of successful raids on the steamer *Yatsang* which have revealed numerous ingenious methods Chinese opium smugglers adopt. In one instance, a Chinese was found carrying a dwarf almirah on board. On examination, the boards which were employed to form the partitions were ascertained to be mere shells which were filled with 3½ seers of opium. In another instance two bicycles were brought on board by two Chinese. Preventive Officer Matland took the precaution of taking the machines to pieces and the tubes were found to be filled with 2½

seers of opium. Again, one morning Preventive Officers C. G. Smith and J. Mirza, brought to light another instance of peculiar ingenuity. In this case a Chinese, named Foe Kin, came on board wearing a pair of brand new paramatta boots. As he walked, there was no noise and this attracted the attention of the officers. The man was asked to take off his boots, and on their being cut open, a seer of opium was found under the sole of each. An inner sole had been improvised by attaching two pieces of leather, about an inch in height, inside the boots and the cavities had been stuffed with opium. The last accused was subsequently placed before Mr. Swinhoe, Chief Presidency Magistrate, who sentenced him to four months' rigorous imprisonment. The Magistrate, in his judgment, commended Preventive Officer C. G. Smith for his detection of this case.—*Encheiros*.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
From NEW YORK AND
COLUMBO.

THE Steamship
"KOTO."
Capt. J. A. Smith having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed
that their goods are being
landed at their risk into the Go-
downs of the Hongkong and Kow-
loon Wharf and Godown Com-
pany, Limited, Kowloon, and
stored at Consignees risk and
expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
goods are to be left in the
godowns, where they will be ex-
amined on FRIDAY 24th instant
at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented
within fifteen days of the
steamer's arrival here, a ter-
m which date they cannot be recog-
nized.

No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the
Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 24th
inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been
effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-
signed by
ST. EWAN TOMES & CO.
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1915.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From CALCUTTA, PENANG
AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"ITOLA."
having arrived from the above
ports, consignees of cargo
are hereby informed that their
goods will be delivered from
alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge
of the vessel will be landed at
once, at consignees' risk and
expense.

Cargo remaining on board at
noon, after the 30th instant, will
be landed at consignees' risk and
expense.

No Fire Insurance has been
effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-
signed by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.
Agents.
Hongkong 18th December, 1915

NOTICE

The Offices of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha are this day removed to the Ground Floor King's Building, Connaught Road Central (formerly occupied by the Pacific Mail Steamship Co.)

Telephone numbers in use are 232 and 293 (latter replacing No. 1241), with Sub-Exchange to each Department.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1915

G. ~~SEED~~ R.
WAR DEPARTMENT
CONTRACTS.

Sealed Tenders for Forage will be received at the Headquarters Office, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong, until Noon on Monday 17th January, 1916.

Forms and other particulars may be obtained personally at the above office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tender Forms must be properly filled up, signed and dated and delivered in an envelope marked "Tender for Forage", and accompanied by a deposit of \$100 as a guarantee of good faith, which sum will be forfeited to the State if the Tenderer refuses to accept a contract allotted to him, or to attend at Headquarter Office when called upon.

Deposits will be returned after Tenders are accepted or declined. The right to reject all, or any, tenders is specially reserved.

(Sd.) F. E. MILLNER JONES,
Captain, A.S.C.
D.A.D. of S. & C.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1915.

Not to forget : after the Show,
Supper and Light Refreshments
ALEXANDRA CAFE
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ACCEPTABLE CHRISTMAS GIFTS
DELIGHTFUL PRESENTS FOR
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Price **\$3.50** Per Dozen
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Cotton Handkerchiefs with Narrow Hemstitched Borders,
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Fine White Lawn Handkerchiefs

Very Daintily Trimmed with


Embroidery and Tucks.

Price \$3.00 \$3.50; \$4.25.

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A black and white illustration of a woman sitting on a wooden chair. She is wearing a patterned dress and is holding a handkerchief to her face. There is a small table next to her with a cup and saucer. The illustration is in a classic, somewhat stylized manner.

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NOTICES.	NOTICES.
<p>KEROSENE OIL.</p> <p>We guarantee all kerosene oil sold by us to be pure and unadulterated.</p> <p>Present price.—</p> <p>"COMET."</p> <p>\$3.90 per case ex store.</p> <p>"WHITE ROSE."</p> <p>\$4.30 per case ex store.</p> <p>CHING CHEONG</p> <p>168 Des Voeux Road. Cen.</p> <p>(2 blocks West of Cent. Market.</p> <p>KWONG YUEN.</p> <p>91 Des Voeux Road. West.</p>	<p>G.  R.</p> <p>Any European, Non-Asiatic or Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in writing for permission to do so to the Captain Superintendent of Police at least 48 hours before the intended hour of departure, giving name, nationality, age, sex, height and occupation of the applicant, and stating the name of the steamer or other vessel of the hour of the train by which the applicant wishes to leave. Applicants should apply in person for their passes at the Central Police Station between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily.</p>
<p>CHRISTMAS</p>	<p>Hongkong 9th. July. 1915.</p>

CHRISTMAS
AT THE
HONGKONG HOTEL.

4 p.m. daily.
Hongkong 9th. July, 1915.

DEAKTRAMWAYS CO

At the request of several patrons of the Hotel the Management has arranged a series of dances to be held during Christmas Week open to residents and diners in the Hotel. These will take place on the following nights.

CHRISTMAS EVE
FRIDAY, 24th December, 1915.
BOXING DAY
MONDAY, 27th December, 1915.
NEW YEAR EVE
FRIDAY, 31st December, 1915.

By kind permission of Lieut. Colonel L. A. WATSON and Officers the Band of the 74th Punjabis under Bandmaster Christian will be in attendance.

Special menus will be served in the Grill Room at \$3.50 per head and in the Main Dining Room at \$2.50 per head.

Table accommodation can be reserved at the Hotel Main Office.

The Hotel Launch will leave Blake Pier each night for Kowloon after dinner.

J. H. TACCART.
Manager.

TIMER TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 A.M.	to	8.00 A.M.	Every 15 Min.
8.00 A.M.	to	9.00 A.M.	" 10 Min.
9.00 A.M.	to	10.00 A.M.	" 15 Min.
10.00 A.M.	to	11.00 A.M.	" 10 Min.
11.00 A.M.	to	12.15 P.M.	" 15 Min.
12.15 P.M.	to	1.45 P.M.	" 15 Min.
1.45 P.M.	to	2.45 P.M.	" 15 Min.
2.45 P.M.	to	3.45 P.M.	" 15 Min.
3.45 P.M.	to	4.45 P.M.	" 15 Min.
4.45 P.M.	to	5.45 P.M.	" 15 Min.

SUNDAYS.

7.45 A.M.	to	9.00 A.M.	Every 15 Min.
9.00 A.M.	to	10.00 A.M.	" 10 Min.
10.00 A.M.	to	11.00 A.M.	" 15 Min.
11.00 A.M.	to	12.00 P.M.	" 10 Min.
12.00 P.M.	to	1.00 P.M.	" 15 Min.
1.00 P.M.	to	2.00 P.M.	" 15 Min.
2.00 P.M.	to	3.00 P.M.	" 15 Min.
3.00 P.M.	to	4.00 P.M.	" 15 Min.
4.00 P.M.	to	5.00 P.M.	" 15 Min.

SPECIAL CARS on Week Days.

SATURDAYS
 Extra Cars at 10 minutes.

SPECIAL CARS
 By Arrangement at the Company's Office,
 100, Queen's Road, Hong Kong.
 Or Year's Road, Canton.

*** Seamen and "push" tickets available for all cars not already paid for. The time stated in the Company's schedule for Special Cars can be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

*** Seamen tickets will be issued for the first 1000 of the month. The first 1000 of the month has been issued in Peak Hotel and by Cheong Cheong Company order representing Peak Hotel.

JOHN A. HODGKINS & SONS

NOTICES

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Just Arrived a new Stock of Chocolates in Tins and Fancy
 Boxes. Our Cakes from the Largest to the Smallest are made with
 first Class Table Butter and all other ingredients are of the very
 best materials obtainable. Our Christmas Cakes are made any Size
 three poun-^{ds} upwards. Our Bread is made from the Best Quality
 Flour only and can be obtained and orders taken in Kowloon at
 AH WEL'S DAIRY, 31 Peking Road.
 ON LEL Compradore, Haiphong Road.
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 KWONG FOOK. do do do
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 LIM KEE. do Macao

Orders may be left with the above for any of our products.
 We put up absolutely the Best. Tiffins and Dinners—a new
 Menu for Each Meal. Price one Dollar—Each, or 30 Meals for
 \$5.00. Good for any meal or à la Carte up to 75 Cents.

We Guarantee every thing put up and Sold by the Alexandra
 Cafe to be of first Class Quality. Try our own made Pork Sausages
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 Lipton's Tea. Minerals and soft drinks of every description.

Just give us a Trial and you will be more than Satisfied.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE.
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A FEW OF OUR LEADING LINES FOR CHRISTMAS.
CHRISTMAS CAKES [From \$2.00] Each.
 A Rich Fruit Cake Encrusted with 'Almond' Paste, Iced and
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 (Scotland's 'Cake').
 a Rich Fruit Cake, with Almonds on Top.
SCHOOL CAKES FROM \$1.00 Each.
 A Good Medium Quality Cake] with Almonds on Top.
 very suitable for Children.
REAL SCOTCH [SHORTBREAD FROM \$1.00 Each]
 Mottos Piped on with Sugar, to order.]
YE OLDE ENGLISH CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS
 From \$2.00 Each.
 All our Cakes and Pastries are made under the personal super-
 vision of our English Manager who was awarded Gold Medals in
 London, in 1912 and 1913, for Christmas Puddings and Dundee
 Cakes. The strictest attention to cleanliness in every detail is
 insisted on at our Bakery, and we guarantee that no substitutes of
 any description are used in the manufacturing of our goods.
 Hongkong, 13th December, 1915.

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NOTICE

THE CHINA PROVIDENT
LOAN AND MORTGAGE
CO. LTD.

MEE CHEUNG,

(Capital Paid up—\$1,250,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c.
Goods received on Storage.
Advances made on Merchandise.
Loans made on the Provident System.
(Rates and Particulars on application).

The Office of
TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF
WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c.
Undertaken and Executed:
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1890.

COMMERCIAL

Rahman Tin Output.
The Rahman Tin Co.'s output during November was 930 piculs plus 355.27 mill. plus 545.18 tributal. The Rahman Hydraulic Tin, Limited, output during November was 590 piculs.

Rubber Erratic.
London, Dec. 5.—Rubber is erratic, closing at 3s 5d. The price of the steamer Langton Hall, from Singapore, is confirmed. Mobil Plantations pay 3 per cent.—*Singapore Free Press.*

Huasing Spinning Co.
 Reuter's Peking correspondent states that the recently formed Huasing Spinning and Weaving Co., whose privilege of exemption from taxation was withdrawn by the Government, now states that it is willing to carry on business unaided. The matter has been referred to the Ministry of Commerce.

Opium Sales.
Calcutta, November 9.—At the eleventh monthly opium sale at Calcutta on Tuesday 840 chests of Benares opium were again offered and realised Rs. 14,97,225, showing an increase of over Rs. 25,000 on the last month's total. The average price was Rs. 1,782-6-8, showing an increase of Rs. 50-2-10 on the last sale. No Bihar opium was offered.

Japanese Competition in India.
Calcutta, November 9.—The *Statesman* comments editorially on the Japanese competition in button-making. The Tirhoot Moon Button Factory at Champaran was started in 1906 with the assistance of experts trained in Japan. The output of the factory during the present year has increased by fifty per cent. but since September Japanese competition has adversely affected it. Japanese button, it is stated, have reduced the price by fifty per cent. The *Statesman* considers that if Japanese trade is subsidised the Tirhoot Concern should also receive similar assistance from the Department of Commerce and Industry.

Karachi and Trade Rumours.
Karachi appears to be in some danger of succumbing to the position long occupied by Shanghai of being the greatest centre of "wild cat" rumours in the East, says the *Statesman*. Karachi, according to the local paper, the *Daily Gazette*, has now surpassed itself in the case of Mir Ayub Khan. This gentleman was appointed by the Bombay Government as the non-official representative of Sind on the local Boards Committee which has recently been sitting at Poona and, Mahabaleshwar, "Outrageous and unbelievable as the thing seems," says the *Daily Gazette*, "his prolonged absence has given opportunity for a rumour here that the Mir Sahib has fallen into political trouble and has been sent to Delhi as a prisoner of State!" The *Daily Gazette* inclines to the belief that the rumour has been started maliciously rather than foolishly, but in either event it is, of course, absolutely without foundation.

Shanghai Coal.
Messrs. Wheelock and Co.'s report for December 9 states, Japan coal: This market has been very active during the past fortnight and several important contracts for next year have been concluded. Freighters have all along in the principal difficulty to be procured but the extraordinary rise in silver which took place quite unexpectedly recently has enabled sellers to minimize to a certain extent this drawback and has helped materially in the conclusion of negotiations, at least one contract of considerable local importance having been settled at an increase of fifteen per cent over this year's rate. Stocks are diminishing appreciably on account of the scarcity of tonnage and although arrivals appear to be numerous the supply is not equal to the demand. Fushun Coal:—Owing to the increased demand for this coal in Manchuria, we cannot expect much to be left over for export. Kaiping Coal:—This market has attained a strong attitude owing to the continued increase in freights and strong demand in the north. Stocks are very small and there is little likelihood of these assuming large proportions for some time to come.

COMMERCIAL

Indian Crop Reports.

Delhi, November 12.—Cattle and sheep are beginning to suffer in parts of the Punjab and Rajputana and the need for rain is increasing over the whole of North-Western India, both to bring on the fodder supply and also to help the fodder supply; and elsewhere throughout India agricultural conditions continue upon the whole favourable, though prices still have an upward tendency, and there is some distress in parts of Bengal and Bihar and Orissa, the Benares, and Tippera districts, being shown by last week's crop reports to-day published, to have twenty-four thousand persons under one form or another on relief, while Munbhum and Singbhum districts have five thousand.

The Wool Trade of Kansu.

Sining, Nov. 23.—The price of wool has been going up rapidly owing to keen competition. There are some forty hongas. It is a booming time for the Tibetans and Mongolians. It has been almost impossible to buy a catty of wool on the street. The 25 to 28 a picul have been paid and now there is likely to be a smash up among many of the smaller hongas, as the merchants in Tientsin have fixed the receiving price at 20 a picul. The cost of the carriage down country is borne by the agents in the interior so there will be a dead loss of many taels per picul. The crisis was bound to come sooner or later, and no one is to blame but the agents themselves for competing one against the other, instead of in the more sensible way, agreeing together to fix the price for each year. It is probable there will be a stoppage next year, as the Tibetans and Mongolians will not be willing to sell the wool at a lower price, consequently they will hold it back. If so this will have the effect of closing up all the smaller hongas with little capital. Since the establishment of the Republic with its five-coloured flag giving all equal rights the restriction on the sale of grain to Tibetans and Mongolians has been removed, consequently with the high prices received for wool this year they have bought huge quantities of grain, and though the harvest has been good and no opium cultivated yet the prices of grain have gone up instead of down, so that everything is more than double the ordinary cost.—N. C. Daily News.

Home Commercial and Produce Markets.

London November 17.—The Bank rate remains unchanged at 5 per cent. The Open market rate for short loans is 4½ to 4½ per cent. and discount of four months' Bank bills 5½ to 5½ per cent. The Silver market has been very steady, and bars are now quoted at 245/8d. per oz. The Rubber share market has continued to grow in strength and volume of transactions. The Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., announces that \$250,000 of 4½ per cent. sterling loan bonds of 1905 of the first series and \$250,000 of 4½ per cent. sterling bonds of the second series have been purchased on behalf of the Imperial Japanese Government for the purpose of cancellation. The Government have thus anticipated repayment at par in July, 1925, or at any time on giving six months' notice. The China Tea market has been quiet, but steady. Coffee has met with more demand, and very steady prices were realised. In Sugar there is a fair business passing at firm rates. Peppers continue firm, but offers are scarce. Rice is firmly held. Manila Hemp has been firmer, and prices show an advance. Plantation Rubber has been very firm at a further advance. Standard No. 1 Crepe being quoted at 2s. 9d. per lb., and Smoked Sheet 2s. 9d. per lb. Fine Hard Para is 2s. 3d. per lb. Straits Tin is £172 5s. to £172 15s. for each, and £171 5s. to £171 15s. for three months.

SHARE REPORT.
COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

STOCK.	To-day's Closing Price	Number of Shares	Par Value	1914 Highest	1914 Lowest	1915 Highest	1915 Lowest	Last Dividend and Date
Banks.								
H'kong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	\$800	120,000	\$125	855	700	845	790	22/5/- at 1/9 5/16 equal to \$24.21 for 14 year 30/6/15
Marine Insurance.								
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	45	10,000	\$50	350	305	305	295	Final of \$4 a/c 1913. Interim of \$18 a/c 1914.
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	177	10,000	\$15	145	133	175	160	Final of 15/- p.c. making 25 p.c. for 1914.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.	2010	12,400	\$250	100	847	100	832	Final of \$20 and bonus of \$5 making \$25 for 1913 and Interim of \$30 for 1914.
Yanchoing Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	350	12,000	\$100	60	210	200	225	Final of \$15 mak. \$18 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1914
Fire Insurance.								
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	133	20,000	\$100	20	160	140	162	\$3 for 1913
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	407	8,000	\$50	50	393	363	429	\$37 for 1913
Shipping.								
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	94	20,000	\$50	all	36	27 1/2	94	\$4 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15.
Hongkong & S.S. Co., Ltd.	20	80,000	\$15	all	29 1/2	22	96	Final of 40 cts. making 90 cts. for year ending 31.12.14
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	160	60,000	\$5	all	79	50	159	6 p.c. on p.a. & 3 p.c. on d.a. for year 1914. A quoted ex-dividend of 5 p.c. on the combined a/c paid in London 23.12.15 quoted ex-dividend in H.K. 1.1.16.
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	35	2,797,619	\$1	all	106 1/2	70 1/2	90 1/2	Final of 5/- (Coupon No 24) making 7/- for 1914.
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	37 1/2	40,000	\$10	all	49	40	38	\$1.50 per share and bonus of 40 cents per share for year ending 30/4/15
Refineries.								
China S. Refining Co., Ltd.	91 1/2	20,000	\$100	all	90 1/2	70	134	\$3 for 1912
Laxon S. Refining Co., Ltd.	31 1/2	7,000	\$100	all	31	17	46	\$3 for 1913
Mining.								
Kaibai Mining Administration	30	1,000,000	\$1	all	41 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	Interim of 1/- account year ending 30.6.15 (Coupon No. 5).
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	3 1/2	200,000	\$1	all	3 1/2	1.90	4	1 1/2 for 1909
Trough Mines Ltd.	27 1/2	160,000	\$1	all	39 1/2	19 1/2	32 1/2	25/- b.i/- interim a/c 1915 paid 12.7.15
Ural Caspian	35 1/2	756,666	\$1	all	56 1/2	21 1/2	41	37 1/2 1/- interim 1915
Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.								
H'kong & K.W. & G. Co., Ltd.	377	60,000	\$50	all	89	73	81 1/2	\$3.50 for year 1914
H'kong & W.P. & D. Co., Ltd.	83 1/2	50,000	\$50	all	77	53	57	\$3 dividend for year 1914
Shai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	53	55,700	\$100	all	60	50	63 1/2	Tls. 3 for year ending 30.4.15
Shai & H'kew W. Co., Ltd.	98	38,000	\$100	all	169	83 1/2	93 1/2	Tls. 5 for 1914
Land, Hotels and Buildings.								
Anglo French Lands	194	13,000	\$100	100	128	94	94	Tls. 6 1/2 for year ending 29.2.14
H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	108	20,000	\$50	50	120	116	112	\$2.50 for half year ending 30.6.15
H'kong Land Investment Co.	103 1/2	50,000	\$100	all	117 1/2	98	111 1/2	\$3 for year ending 30.6.15
H'phreys Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	50	150,000	\$10	all	9 1/2	7	7 1/2	45 cents for year 1914
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	40	6,000	\$50	30	45 1/2	4	40	\$3 for 1914
Shanghai Lands	105	78,000	\$50	all	98	89	106	Dividend of 6 p.c. for 1 year ending 30.6.15
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	74	12,500	\$50	all	73	66	70	\$2 for half year ending 30.6.15
H'kong Central Estates	100	10,000	\$100	all	—	—	103	\$4.09 for 7 months ending 31.12.14
Cotton Mills.								
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	140	20,000	\$50	all	138	125	142	Tls. 16 for year ending 31.10.15
Sung Yik	142 1/2	25,000	\$10	all	142	11	13 1/2	Tls. 120 for year ending 30.11.14
Laon Kung Mow	73	8,000	\$100	all	110	70	89	Tls. 12 for 1913
Shanghai Cottons	187	40,000	\$50	all	135	70	105	Dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15
Miscellaneous.								
Yangtze Poots	161	175,000	\$5	all	—	—	62	62
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	10 1/2	60,000	\$10	all	12	10	10	85 cents for 1914
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	48 1/2	50,000	\$5	all	450	4	4 1/2	5% for year ending 28.2.06
Do. (Spec. shares)	980	50,000	\$1	all	9	7	10.10	70 cts. for 1914
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	980	125,000	\$10	all	9	35	34	\$1.25 for year ending 31.7.15
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	430	40,000	\$5	all	39	35	34	50 cts. for 1914
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	9.78	400,000	\$10	all	6.90	5	11	\$2.00 per share for 1914
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	144 1/2	60,000	\$70	all	49	36	45	Interim of \$2 account 1915
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	110 1/2	6,000	\$25	all	217 1/2	174	199	Interim of \$1 for year ending 30.6.15
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	133 1/2	60,000	\$10	all	25	22	43 1/2	25
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	5 1/2	325,000	\$5	all	13 1/2	7 1/2	5.20	\$10 1/2 for 1914
Langkate	135 1/2	250,000	\$10	all	64 1/2	28	42	36 1/2
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	10	25,000	\$10	all	10 1/2	9 1/2	10	9
Do (New) 85 cts.	10	50,000	\$10	all	93 cts.	75 cts.	Dec. 1	80 cts.
Philippines	14	75,000	\$10	all	—	—	4	4
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	45	12,000	\$10	all	—	—	5	5
Societe des Pulpes et Papiers	20	12,200	\$50	all	—	—	20	20
teries du Tonkin	31	20,000	\$5	all	5.00	4	Nov. 31	3.00
Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	31	27,723	\$10	all	23 1/2	17	Jan. 18	16
Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	16	90,000	\$10	all	6 1/2	Dec. 6.90	Dec. 6.90	6 1/2
Watson and Co., Ltd.	66 1/2	21,000	\$7	all	9 1/2	Jan. 6 1/2	Dec. 7	5 1/2
William Powell, Limited	53 1/2	6,000	\$25	all	30	June 92	Dec. 29	29
S. C. Morning Post	329	6,000	\$25	all	—	—	—	—

LATEST RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

Anglo-Java Estates Ltd. Tls. 12.70 sellers.	Ayer Panas (Straits) \$6.80 buy.	Kempas (Straits) \$4.40 buyers.	Sandycrofts (Straits) \$7.00 buyers.
Anglo-Dutch Tls. 6 sellers.	Balgownies (Straits) \$3 1/2 buy.	Malaka Pindas (Straits) \$1.90 buyers.	Pajam (Straits) \$13.00 buyers.
Langkate 14/9 buyers 15/6 sellers.	Changkat Serdangs (Straits) \$6.75 buyers.	Malakoffs (Straits) \$3.45 buyers.	New Serendah \$2.40 buyers.

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T/T Ceylon 110 1/2	T/T Ceylon 110 1/2		
T/T Hongkong 110 1/2	T/T Hongkong 110 1/2		
T/T India 110 1/2	T/T India 110 1/2		
T/T Japan 110 1/2	T/T Japan 110 1/2		
T/T London 110 1/2	T/T London 110 1/2		
T/T Shanghai 110 1/2	T/T Shanghai 110 1/2		
T/T Singapore 110 1/2	T/T Singapore 110 1/2		
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